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RE: BZA case 18296: 3825 Morrison St. NW

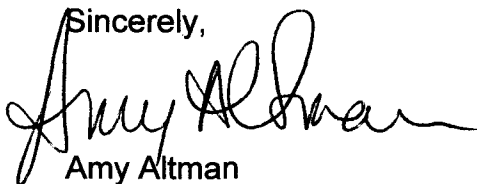
To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing in regard to the exception request of Dan and Deany Merlis for their addition at 3825 Morrison St. We have lived in the 3900 block of Morrison for over 25 years. We met Dan and Deany Merlis through mutual friends. We walk past their home regularly as it is just up the street, between our house and the shopping corridor on Connecticut Avenue. For many years this corner property was a sorry sight. We much appreciate the improvements they have made to look of the house and its landscaping. Frankly, we did not notice anything unusual about the addition when they brought this dispute to our attention. On the streets throughout this neighborhood, there are a variety of other parking pads, driveways, garages, and additions. The housing style and the streetscape here is diverse. The Merlis' addition does not strike us as being out of character or out of scale with either their house or with the pattern of houses in the immediate neighborhood. We have not heard any complaints about the property from our neighbors. The Merlis' efforts have transformed a sad, neglected house into an attractive place in the community.

In light of this, and given that this project has also proceeded with all DC building permits in place, we believe they should be able to keep this garage/deck addition.

We support their request for a special exception and strongly urge the Board of Zoning Adjustment to grant approval.

Sincerely,



Amy Altman



Steve Altman

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