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BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT
District of Columbia
CASE NO. 18341
EXHIBIT NO. 28

REF: Case 18341, Application of M. Sikder for multiple variances

Dear Mr. Nero,

With this letter, I am registering anew **STRONG OBJECTION** to the application by M. Sikder, case number 18341, for variances to build a one-family detached dwelling, at premises 4209 Grant Street, NE (Square 5092, Lot 31).

Applicant seeks multiple variances to build what is indisputably a tall, ungainly residential dwelling on exceptionally narrow lot in a mature neighborhood

There is absolutely no justification whatsoever to grant the Applicant any variance, much less the several being sought.

The regulations from which the Applicant seeks variances were established for a purpose.

I urge you not to demean their purpose by granting any variances to Applicant.

THIS LOT IS SIMPLY TOO SMALL for a single-family dwelling!

Also, my strong objection is based on the following additional observations. Some were drawn speaking face-to-face with Applicant Sikder. They are in random order.

1. **OPPOSITION:** Applicant plans are unanimously opposed by the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC)
2. **OPPOSITION:** Neighbors, of which I am a nearby one, are united in strong opposition to Applicant plans
3. **DISMISSIVE:** Applicant declared verbally to me that he did not need to abide by neighbor or by community concerns
4. **FOUL IMPLICATION:** Applicant told me face-to-face he is supremely confident for reasons he did not reveal, but implied, that your Board would approve his multiple variance requests

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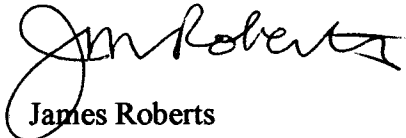
5. **QUESTIONABLE LABORERS:** Based on my casual interviews of several of his employees, Applicant leads me to believe he employs non DC residents with questionable legal status
6. **APPLICANT CONDUCT REVEALS NON-COMPLIANCE WITH DC REGULATIONS.** For example,
 - a. Applicant uses an unlicensed contractor that the DC government considers a “rogue” tree trimmer.
 - b. Without requisite permit from the DC government, Applicant directed the rouge tree trimmer during spring 2011 to remove massive trees on 4209 Grant Street, NE that are providing needed tree canopy and buttressing neighborhood home values.
 - c. After a neighbor objected to the early morning (7 AM) tree removals, several DC authorities promptly appeared issuing a cease and desist order. When the DC authorities appeared, Applicant tree trimmer employees, all Hispanic, literally ran from the scene
 - d. Since Applicant acquired the lot at 4209 Grant Street, NE, the lot has been a primarily a weed festooned, open-air trash dump.
 - e. Applicant only recently began to maintain the lot at 4209 Grant Street, NE so it complies with DC regulations, not to mention to placate neighbors’ ire.
7. **SPECULATOR:** Acquired the very small lot at 4205 Grant Street, NE, solely on speculation
8. **BAD REPUTATION:** Applicant reputation is appalling. For example, one visitor at the recent ANC meeting introduced herself as a resident from Ward 8. She publicly urged the commission to beware of Applicant because of his awful reputation for building shoddy, “in-fill” structures
9. **CASE IN POINT:** One “in-fill” house Applicant recently built within one block of 4209 Grant Street, NE is already falling apart. Its deterioration is visible to the eye. More: Although three stories tall, looming over all nearby homes, it has no windows on either side
10. **DISPLAYED TO ME A BAFFLING IGNORANCE OF US TAX CODE** suggesting, if not a citizen or lawful non-resident alien, Applicant is a new home builder oblivious of the need to comply with Federal law, DC government regulations and to be respectful to residents’ sensitivities in long established communities, particularly those in Wards 7 and 8

11. **ODIOUS:** Applicant abjectly failed to prepare for meeting with the community hosted by the ANC whereat he was supposed to present and justify his building plans.
12. **INSULTING:** At this meeting, Applicant had no explanation or excuse for his lack of preparation or for his dismissive deportment to the community or to the commission members.

For these reasons and for additional ones likely submitted by others, I urge you and your Board members *not* to grant any building variances to Applicant.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Roberts", with a stylized, cursive script.

James Roberts
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