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Merideth Moldenhauer, Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth St. NW
Washington DC 20001

Dear Chairperson:

Ref: BZA Case #18352

I write in support of Frager's Hardware. They should be allowed to continue using their back lot as they have since the 1920s. They have already agreed to reasonable accommodations to the complaining neighbors.

I'm not sure how these complainants managed to buy their house without noticing that Frager's takes up most of the block of Pennsylvania Avenue between 11th and 12th SE, as they have for 80 years. It seems manifestly unfair for them to demand changes to the use of a lawfully owned piece of property that they knew existed before they moved in. The Notice to Discontinue dated Nov. 14, 2011 cites the use of the rear lot "to store and display garden supplies." I fail to see how people looking at plants--during spring and summer business hours--creates a major disturbance to anyone over and above the normal and accepted traffic of a long-standing neighborhood business.

Frager's has been an important part of the Capitol Hill neighborhood, an employer of numerous people, a stalwart donator to local causes, and one of a dwindling number of locally owned businesses in DC. They contribute to the tax base and general welfare of the city. The longevity of this business contributes to the stability of our neighborhood, which includes long time residents such as myself as well as short-termers who ebb and flow with each new administration.

Please approve Application #18352. The viability of this business is important to all of us.

Sincerely,


Megan Rosenfeld

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