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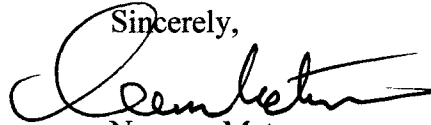
RE: Letter of Support for B.Z.A. Application Number 18352 regarding Frager's Hardware Store at 1123 Pennsylvania Ave, S.E. (Lots 44 and 838, Square 994)

Dear Mr. Jordan;

I have lived on Capitol Hill for 44 years and been both a witness to and at times a participant in the remarkable transformation of this neighborhood into a vibrant and engaged community, from a destination that many avoided into one eagerly visited or even sought as a home. There have been some constancies in that evolution, one of which has been Frager's Hardware – a pillar and indeed an anchor for the community as it changed, dealt with problems, and created new institutions to cope with community needs.

As you consider this case, I urge you to embed in your decision an understanding of how vital Frager's is to our community. Frager's operates a business that is extraordinarily valuable to the community and does so within severe limits on space. As such, it is critical to Frager's service to the community that it can continue to use the rear of its property for outdoor storage and display and for seasonal merchandise – as indeed it has done for many years. Frager's in requesting continued use of the rear lot has proposed improving the appearance of the lot with additional landscaping to create in effect a "green oasis" in the middle of the block, yet another tangible benefit to the community. Further, as I understand it, Frager's has agreed to prohibit truck access to its rear to meet neighbors' objections.

I urge the BZA as it weighs this matter to weigh the treasure that Frager's has been to the community for 80 years. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Norman Metzger

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