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

To Board of Zoning Adjustment Chairperson Jordan:

I respectfully urge the Board of Zoning Adjustment to approve the application for a use variance that will cover the above-referenced property, so as to allow Frager's Hardware to use the rear portion of its lot for outdoor storage, display and sale of seasonal merchandise.

Frager's has been, and continues to be a valued merchant, neighbor and community business. The store has used its back lot for the above constructive, and non-intrusive purposes for, as I understand, over 80 years. I personally have enjoyed the benefit of Frager's presence in this community, including its back lot, for the 39 years that I've lived here with my family.

- Many young people I have known in this community have been hired by Frager's for their first after-school jobs – and worked in the store until leaving for college.
- Frager's always strives to be a responsible, responsive community merchant, discontinuing delivery truck access to the rear lot from 11th Street, in an effort to accommodate neighbors.
- Frager's owners have sponsored and underwritten a number of community activities and celebrations – year after year – typical of its willingness to work with and for the community.
- Thousands of people have enjoyed patronizing this store over the years. They include local residents and tradespeople – and high-ranking Senators, Members of Congress, and Supreme Court Justices. Even the President visited the store about 15 years ago.

The application for a use variance pertaining to this portion of Frager's property, so as to bring the whole property into compliance with the store's Commercially-zoned status, should be granted. This responsible and upstanding local enterprise must be enabled to run its business as it has long done, over many years. Please approve the application.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary R. Wadleigh

cc: CHRS, ANC6B, DC Office of Planning, Council Member Wells

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