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Washington, DC 20001

RE: Application for Special Exception Relief for Property Located at Georgetown Park Mall
(Square 1200, Lot 868)
Case No. 18486

Dear Mr. Jordan,

My name is Andrew Peek, and I am an Afghanistan veteran who returned from my year-long deployment in August. I am also a resident of Georgetown Park Condominiums and a member of the Georgetown Park Condominium Association who is deeply concerned about the proposed installation of a bowling alley and restaurant directly below my condominium in the Georgetown Park Mall.

This bowling initiative, which I heard about when Vornado's application was submitted to you, would put a large restaurant and bowling alley in the Mall hovering over the C&O Canal. This facility would be directly underneath my condominium, since I am at the lowest level.

Mr. Jordan, for the past three months, since returning from the war, I have listened to major construction six days a week. My apartment, which I once loved, is unliveable. Despite paying almost four-figure condominium fees, I have to live at a friend's house. I also work at home, and working – like living – in my apartment has become impossible. Over these months, my only consolation was that the work wouldn't go on forever, and eventually it would quiet down and I could return. With this application, however, Vornado could potentially wreck the livability of my condominium forever – let alone the value.

My neighbors and I can hear everything they're doing down there. All the time. It's not just the jackhammering, though that's part of it, which makes my furniture and wall hangings rattle. Every time they start sawing, or hammering, or shouting, or dropping something heavy, we can hear it. It is soul-destroying. And a 12-lane bowling alley has a lot of heavy impacts. The concept that they're going to sound-proof it is laughable. You can't sound-proof 12 lanes of bowling from a residential area 25 feet away. They will be directly under my apartment, and the noise will go on forever.

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I would ask you please, please to reject this application. I recognize that people need to have restaurants and shops – of course. But putting in a major social bowling area directly below residences? It's really unbelievable. I can't even discuss this subject without getting unreasonably depressed about it – because we all of us will have to move if it comes in. And who would buy our condos? Nobody wants to live above a bowling alley.

When I was deployed, all I could think about was having a few peaceful nights of sleep when I came home. I'm so tired. It hasn't happened yet; but with your help, it might. Thank you for your time and consideration of my letter – and please help us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AP".

Andrew Peek

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As you know, a portion of the Georgetown Park condo units are located above the Mall ("1080") and the rest of the Georgetown Park condo units are located directly across the C&O Canal from the Mall ("Canal House"). The old Mall contained many boutique shops and was configured as an underground mall with skylights that opened into the garden in the 1080 part of our condominium. Georgetown Park Mall was in its hay day a destination for shoppers from around the world.

Vornado has changed the concept of the Mall entirely. It is no longer an indoor mall. Vornado has not shared much information with the residents or the GTPCA Board, but it appears that the Mall will be replaced with a small number (maybe 6 or 7) of very large stores with entrances on M Street.

This latest change, which we heard about when their application was submitted to you, would put a large restaurant and bowling alley in the Mall hovering over the C&O Canal. The entrance to this area appears to be on Wisconsin Avenue, directly adjacent to the entrance to the 1080 side of Georgetown Park Condominiums. We are concerned about the noise level, the food odors, the parking, dramatically increased foot traffic right next to our front door, noise late at night echoing up and down the Canal, and disturbing late night noise and smoke from departing patrons wafting up to our balconies. The

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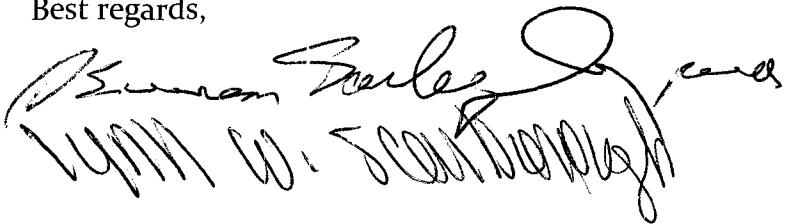
Canal side of the condominiums has always been the quiet side, away from traffic, bars, restaurants, and night time commercial activity. In addition, we have been told that it may be impossible to soundproof 12 bowling lanes from the shared structural beams since sound will travel directly up to the condominium unit owners. My neighbors may have other concerns based on their experiences with similar commercial arrangements.

The proposed restaurant and bowling alley would be located directly across the C&O Canal from the Canal House portion of the Georgetown Park Condominiums. Canal House residents are concerned, among other things, about the noise level up and down the Canal, food odors, loud music at night, general disturbance of the neighborhood.

I want to be certain that the Zoning Board makes no favorable decision without hearing and addressing in detail the concerns of GTPCA and our neighbors. This section of the city has historic buildings all around it. The C&O Canal is a landmark that must be preserved. The residents of Georgetown Park Condominiums have every right to a peaceful night's rest in their condominium units.

This letter may use wording similar to others you receive, but I assure you that we feel very strongly about the points made , and feel very strongly about the negative impact on both quality of residential life, and the value of our property should these changes proposed by Vornado be made.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink. The top line reads "Emerson Scarborough" and the bottom line reads "Lynn W. Scarborough".

D. Emerson Scarborough, M.D. and
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Best regards,



Kathryn M. Darling

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