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Government of the District of Columbia
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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RE: Application Number 18491

12/31/2012

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT
District of Columbia
CASE NO. 18491
EXHIBIT NO. 25

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my strong objections to Application Number 18491, filed by Ms. Janet Katowitz. I request that the Board of Zoning Adjustment not approve variances as the proposed additions to the rear of Ms. Katowitz's dwelling would:

1. disrupt the air flow in the neighborhood and my families' field of vision of the alley shared by North Carolina NE and Ames Place NE;
2. by establishing a parking space this proposal would create traffic in an alley so narrow that no cars currently use it (**see photo #1 below**);
3. increase traffic on narrow one-way Ames Place NE—the only point of entry to this alley—degrading the quality of life for the families living on Ames Place NE, which does not include Ms. Katowitz.
4. create a hazard to parked cars on Ames Place NE as the cornering radius from the alley is so very tight onto narrow, one way Ames Place NE, and a second reason why the alley is not used for vehicular traffic (**see photo #2 below**).

This proposal is made more egregious by the fact that Ms. Katowitz has already combined two row houses together to form her present dwelling, and now proposes to buildup what had been two separate rear yards, which would double the negative effects should this variance be granted. In demonstration of a lack of concern for our community and our DC zoning regulations, construction on this project has already commenced (**see photo #3 below**).

My family moved to Capitol Hill and Ames Place NE specifically because we are attracted to the historic row houses and city life. Combining two such rowhouses together and then building up the combined rear yards would create an eye sore and have a negative impact on my family's quality of life because of

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the restricted air flow and increased alley and traffic on our street, which Ms. Katowitz does not live on. The zoning rules exist for good reasons, and I request that the Board of Zoning Adjustment please grant no variance in this case for the compelling reasons I include here.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Brockner

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Photo #1: Narrow Alley, No Current Traffic



Photo #2: *Narrow turning radius from Alley would create danger to parked cars*



Photo #3: Work started in violation of zoning months ago

