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Dear Neighbor,

You may have received a notification from the DC Board of Zoning Adjustment ("BZA") for a scheduled hearing (Oct-29) regarding a project associated with our house. Our hope is to build a permanent garage at the rear of our lot and we have retained local architect Jennifer Fowler to draw up plans to this effect. In order to proceed, a waiver on lot coverage limits is required from the BZA. Our proposed garage would increase our lot coverage to 70%, an accommodation we are told is a relatively common one on Capitol Hill (or one that many properties already enjoy as they pre-date the BZA authority).

As a family we are dedicated to the historical character of both our neighborhood and our home (built 1899). I myself grew up in a house built in 1810 (in Philadelphia) and we purchased this particular property from Paul and Katherine Redmond because we found its relatively un-molested historical provenance appealing and worthy of continued respect. As a result, it is our intention to invest in the historical integrity of our house (e.g. windows with sashes and pulleys, restoration of the original flooring, and keeping up authentic plastering - just to name a few of our priorities).

It is in this tradition that we are proposing to build a garage in the style of a carriage house that would not be out-of-place in the late 19th / early 20th Century. Our proposed structure pays homage to, and was in part modeled on, the historic carriage house at the rear of 120 11th Street, which is directly opposite the alley from our proposed structure. Once completed, we believe our proposal will be in keeping with the historical tone of the surrounding area and will improve upon the aesthetic quality of both Sladen's Park and Sladen's walk.

I have enclosed a copy of our architect's drawings, as well as a letter that we are hoping you will be willing to sign and send back to us in support of the project. We invite comments or suggestions should you have any. If you have objections to our project for any reason we'd very much like to hear your feedback and invite a discussion on the matter. It is our sincere hope that we might have an opportunity to address concerns directly and in advance of our BZA hearings. As a result, please don't hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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