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To the Board of Zoning Adjustment:

My name is Beth Stewart and I reside at 1426 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Apt. D. I rented my home for two years beginning in 2010 and purchased it in August of 2013. I write in support of the Helix Hotel's request for a variance to renovate the hotel.

My support for the Helix is based on the fact that for many years, they have been very good neighbors to me and our association, and I believe they will continue to do so in the course of the renovations. Time and time again the management of the hotel have proven themselves to be considerate neighbors. For example, they routinely receive our packages by accident and are always careful to hold them and deliver them to us. For many years they have also maintained a "friends and family" rate for members of our association when we have guests in town. They were even so kind as to lower my bedframe from their roof onto mine when it would not fit through my main doorway. There are many other examples of this kind of neighborliness over the last few years. More generally, whenever we have raised a complaint—about noise, rodents, or anything else—the management has been very responsive to the issue.

I am very sensitive to noise and do not look forward to the construction, but my hope is that over time the noise in the neighborhood will actually decrease as a result of the more sedate clientele I expect the renovated hotel to attract. In addition, I have been impressed by the fact that in the many meetings we've had with the hotel, they have shown a willingness to set agreed-upon hours for the construction so it won't disturb the neighbors. As the Hotel has pointed out, their own hotel guests don't want noise disturbing them either. I think the fact that the Hotel does not plan to close for the renovation is a very good sign that will mean that our interests are aligned.

I actually look forward to living in a neighborhood with a five-star hotel next to me. Because I believe the overall neighborhood will be improved, and because of the neighborliness the Helix has demonstrated over many years, I urge the Board to vote in favor of their application.

Sincerely,



Beth A. Stewart

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