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Mr. Bill Manville
327 Maryland Avenue, NE
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November 7, 2013

Mr. Lloyd Jordan
Chair, Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW Suite 200-S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application Number 18673

Dear Chairman Jordan:

I vehemently oppose Michael and Sarah Henry's application for a variance to convert an existing single family dwelling at 325 Maryland Ave. N.E. from established residential use to commercial/office use. (Application Number 18673, September 26, 2013)

My home at 327 Maryland Ave. NE is adjacent to Mr. Henry's home and is directly affected by any variance to the R-4 zoning status. I believe that granting this use variance invites the intrusion of commercial interests that will have a negative impact on the quality of life in my neighborhood. As a native Washingtonian, a D.C. resident for over 75 years, and a Capitol Hill resident for the past 29 years, I have observed first-hand the negative effects of intrusive commercial development on the character of city neighborhoods. I believe the proposed variance will destroy the quality of life in our neighborhood by increasing traffic, reducing already limited street parking, and eroding the residential character of our diverse and vital inner city neighborhood. The proposed change will set a dangerous precedent for further rezoning of residential property that will affect property values negatively.

The commitment of residents over many years has allowed Capitol Hill

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neighborhoods to flourish once again and become great places to live. The schools are thriving and some have waiting lists. The parks are filled with children as families elect to stay on the Hill, just as many seniors are aging in place as I am. Introducing a commercial presence in a completely residential block represents a set back to the strong ties that residents have worked so hard to establish and that bind our neighborhood. My neighbors agree and we will be submitting a petition signed by residents through ANC 6C02 opposing this zoning variance.

Mr. Jordan please say no to this variance so that our neighborhood can continue to grow in the right direction. We need your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Manville". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Bill Manville

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