

28 January 2015

Re: 2131 N St NW
BZA Application Number 18844

Dear Board,

I thank you for your service to the District of Columbia and ask you in for your assistance in preserving my Victorian-era neighborhood.

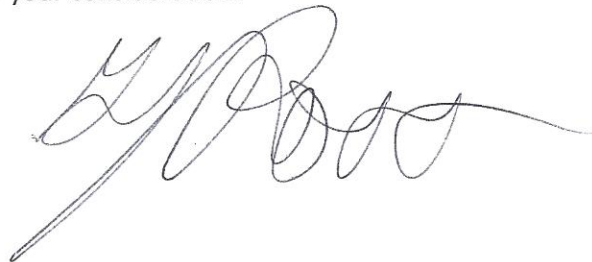
I own the house directly west of the subject house at 2137 N St NW and will be the most impacted by the addition because it will be a prominent part of the view from my rear patio. When Mr. Pitt approached me about the addition, I was very sympathetic to his need for more space, as I have daughters the same age as his. In our conversation I told him that my concern was that it look reasonably close to the existing structure, so as not to draw too much attention to the fact that it is an addition. Mr. Pitt assured me in an email that it would be brick painted the same color as the existing house.

I wrote a letter in support of his addition, but unfortunately the information that Mr. Pitt provided me was inaccurate and incomplete and I must oppose his proposal. I have come to discover that his addition will rise more than three feet above the existing roofline, and will not be seamless. I consulted with my realtor from Coldwell Banker, and she confirmed that such an unsightly addition would cause a loss of value for my house. She also pointed out that the design specifies dryvet, not brick. Mr. Pitt, reported that he needed the headroom to accommodate stairs to his lower level. We discussed alternative constructions, but he was resolved that the lowest cost approach suits him best, and he demonstrated no concern for my property loss. When I asked that we come to an accord about the design, he abruptly ended the conversation.

Mr. Pitt does not deserve any variance accommodation because he can expand his space without impacting the historic neighborhood. He could expand into his basement apartment, as I did when my daughters were born. He also has a dining room with a dramatic cut out ceiling spanning three stories. He could gain space by returning those to floor space.

Thank you for your consideration.

Greg Ross
2137 N St NW 20037

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