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Dear Julian & Lucrecia,

I have reviewed your architectural drawings for the small addition to your house and understand why this is necessary, given you are walled in by a blank brick wall and cut off from light, view and air. The recent large two-story addition next door at 1818 15th St. NW could have been done in a less aggressive way.

I understand that you have lived in the neighborhood for 15 years, after having renovated what was a decrepit property to a distinct house, and have no desire to have to move, preferring instead to "age-in-place" and that the large addition next door has forced you to re-think your plans.

As such your proposal is to build over the old kitchen and fill the space now boxed-in on all sides to complete the "street wall" by adding two small floors (524 sf total) that conform with the general characteristics of the neighborhood. That is an appealing and sensible solution.

I understand the unusual hardship of a boxed-in corner property with an old, non-conforming condition (100% lot occupancy) will require both approval by the Historic Preservation Review Board and the Board of Zoning Adjustment before your proposed addition may proceed. I also want to add that this would not be necessary if there were a more sensitive approach to the uniqueness of our buildings and precedence of long time residents. You should not be in this situation.

For all these reasons, I wish to express in writing my support for your proposal which is reasonable, well-planned and a positive contribution to the neighborhood.

Thank you,



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