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Dear Julian & Lucrecia,

We have reviewed your architectural drawings for the small addition to your house and understand why this is necessary, given the uncomfortable circumstances of having suffered the detriment to light, view and air that the recent large two-story addition next door at 1818 15th St. NW imposed on you.

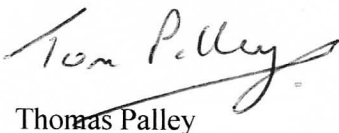
We understand that you have lived in the neighborhood for 15 years, after having renovated what was a decrepit property to a distinct house, and have no desire to have to move, preferring instead to "age-in-place" and that the large addition next door has forced you to re-think your plans.

As such your proposal 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) to create a small rental conforms with the general characteristics of the neighborhood where nearly all the houses already have a rental unit, which yours did not.

And, we 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.

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

Thank you,


Thomas Palley