

To Whom It May Concern:

9 November 2014

Reference: Application Number 18907

Application of David Ruddy and Bondurant Eley, for a variance from lot occupancy requirements to allow the construction of a third-story addition to an existing single-family dwelling in the R-4 District at premises 1811 Wiltberger Street NW (Square 441, Lot 87).

I am in support of this application.

The population of Washington is growing, as is that of most major cities in the US and around the world. Smart growth calls for increased density within existing infrastructure. The Shaw neighborhood is a vibrant, attractive and very livable community and the city leadership is wise to allow more people to live and thrive in existing space. Adding a third floor will allow for a family to live on that footprint, obviating the need for the couple to move to the suburbs if they choose to have children.

I own a property just around the corner and believe that approving this variance will make the neighborhood more livable to a more diverse set of residents. I do not see any downside to approving this application for a variance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lane Smith", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lane Smith

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