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DC Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 220 South
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Re A Progress Report on Case No. 18923
Geng Chen, owner of Geng Chen Enterprise, Inc T/A "China Inn Deli"
Application for zoning adjustment for operating takeout business
At 2918 Martin Luther King, Jr Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20032

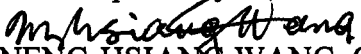
Dear Sirs and/or Madams:

May I respectfully submit to you a progress report on Case No. 18923 regarding a zoning adjustment application from Geng Chen Enterprise Inc. T/A "China Inn Deli" for operating a takeout at 2918 Martin Luther King, Jr Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20032

On February 4, Mr. Geng Chen, owner of Geng Chen Enterprise Inc, and I attended an ANC 8C03 meeting. Being allowed to speak on behalf of Mr Chen, I made a presentation on the case before six commissioners. In the presentation among others I attempted to focus on three issues: (1) health and sanitation, (2) trash collection, and (3) traffic jam. Upon completion of that presentation, I heard voices of concern. One Commissioner raised a hypothetical question: "If there are people hanging around at the door of your store, how would you handle that problem?" Mr Chen replied that he would immediately call police. That answer satisfied that commissioner. Another commissioner said that recently she visited the store, finding three problems. (1) water dripping, (2) a child sitting inside, and (3) stove being too old. As a result they would deny the application unless the issues are resolved. Having discussed the objections with Mr Chen there, I promised to the commissioners we would instantly make the corrections. A few days later I received a phone call from Ms Karen Thomas, your case manager, inquiring of the result of my defense before ANC 8C03. I honestly I mentioned to her the denial unless the three issues are corrected. She said that she would make a one-year conditional approval pending proof that corrections have been made.

Last week a gentleman from D dot (DC Department of Transportation) called me inquiring of this case. To my deep gratitude he promised he would make a favorable recommendation. I trust he has done so. Mr Chen told me that he has removed the child from the store. He also told me that a repairman has fixed and resolved the water dripping problem. Enclosed is an invoice proving that the dripping has been taken care of. As to the stove problem he said he is taking action to have the corrections made, and made them right.

Most respectfully submitted,


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Cc: Mr. Geng Chen

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