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2416 Chain Bridge Rd NW, Washington DC 20016-3304

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Ref: Request for Zoning Adjustment
2012 Chain Bridge Rd NW
Washington DC 20016-3304

I write to support the request by my neighbors, Gary Addie and Colleen Reilly, for a zoning adjustment to permit the construction of a one-story addition to the rear of their home (next to my own) at the above-identified property.

I've gone over their plans with them and have no objection. Although mine is the only house with an unobstructed view from their proposed addition, what they plan is fully consistent with other up-grades in our neighborhood over the past dozen years as older, smaller homes have added second floors and increased their overall size. That includes my own home as well as the other houses adjacent to theirs and characterizes at least two-thirds of all homes in the Palisades neighborhood.

Specifically, I see no negative impact on my own home: being a single story addition/expansion, their proposed construction will not obstruct sunlight reaching my patio and back yard; the wooden "privacy" latticework on top of my fence (which they put up with my permission) will afford me all the privacy I would want; a row of mature Bradford pear trees between their back yard and the one immediately abutting it on Sherier Street will shield that property from view (itself having been raised from the original single to two stories about 10 years ago.)

In short, 2412 is one of the last properties in our immediate neighborhood to be modernized and expanded, and I see no reason not to allow it: it is consistent with what has been done all over the Palisades and will increase the desirability of and property values in this neighborhood.

