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730 Rock creek Church Road, NW

BZA Case 19099

Dear Boarding of Zoning Adjustment:

I am writing an impassioned plea to block the parking variance for the site being developed at 3701 New Hampshire Avenue N.W., by Rooney properties. As a long term resident of the 700 block of Rock Creek Church Road, I have seen the parking situation go from bad to worse.

The beginning of metro service in 1999 has taken its toll on the residents and their ability to park conveniently and closely to their homes. Many parking problems stem from ward four residents from different neighborhoods parking on our block to get close to the metro. This problem extends to Quincy Street to the north, Quebec to the south and the 600 block of Rock Creek Church Road. These commuters in particular are not held to the same scrutiny as visitors who are only allowed to park for two hours due to the RPP. The $\frac{1}{4}$ zoning of our street allows commuters to park as early as 7:00 a.m. and leave after 6:00 p.m. in the evening. This ties up spaces for long periods of time and has been happening for years and is only getting worse with time.

The street cleaning program also plays a factor in our inability to find parking anywhere in a 4 block radius of our homes. It is impossible at times to find parking at all during the active months of street cleaning, which holds us hostage in our homes and unable to carry on our daily activities and to run errands. Parking several blocks away a day in advance is at times your only guarantee of a safe ticket free space or a tow by the city, removing your car from the street cleaners path.

Our Block Consist of over twenty Rooming houses/ condominiums or apartments. Each house contains four separate units and houses four to five residents, many owning vehicles. This is a major concern for my neighbors that have retained their homes as single family dwellings. Our ANC Commissioner Kent Boese recently conducted a study of his own accord stating that 60% of the residents in the 700 block of Rock Creek and Wader Street have off street parking which is untrue. Many of the homes with parking pads such as mine are too small for newer model cars. Moreover, the alley is one way and is too narrow to support heavy traffic and it is impossible to turn around and very difficult to pull in and out of parking pads without occurring damage to your vehicle. I am perplexed ay Commissioner Boese's study and lack of concern for his constituents due to the fact that I have personally observed over the past month that he himself and his partner have

vehicles and do not take advantage of their parking pad and garage adjacent to their house. Bottom line is he has the luxury two spaces that he does not use.

I am concerned about the concessions that home owners are being asked to consider for new developments. There have already been three variances granted (one grandfathered in) for buildings lining Georgia Avenue in a 1 to 1½ blocks of the proposed development at 3701 New Hampshire Avenue. My neighbors and I are questioning how we will benefit from the proposed development. There are three coffee shops and numerous eating establishments in the area and many of the spaces reserved for businesses directly above the subway have long term vacancies.

In closing I hope you will take into consideration all the valid arguments that I have set when making a final decision on the issue on the variance.

Thank you,

Jared B. Miller