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Mr. Clifford Moy
Secretary
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Case No. 19091 (Embassy of the Kyrgyz Republic, 2360 Massachusetts Ave., NW)

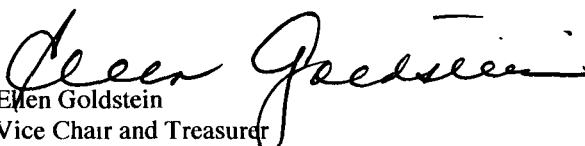
Dear Mr. Moy:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting* on September 8, 2015, our Commission voted 2-0 (with 2 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the Applicant's application to allow construction of a deck and patio extension in excess of the maximum allowable lot occupancy, (variance from Section 403.2)

The Commission supports granting the requested variance because the work will result in protecting the structure and land from the risk of erosion due to its location on a hill, and because the deck is on the back of the property, facing the park, and thus will not detract from the historic character of the street or neighborhood. The pending application -- along with photographs and other documents describing the proposed structure, construction, and use -- were fully discussed and debated at our open meeting that included representatives of the local historic society and others who are concerned about maintaining the highest standards for building and structures in our historic neighborhood. While the Commission recognizes that the proposed plan exceeds lot occupancy requirements, we recognized that this is a unique situation and is not intended to create a precedent that might be replicated elsewhere in the ANC. Also, we were specifically assured by the Embassy representative, Mr. Zhanybek Eraliev, First Secretary, that there is no intention whatsoever of enclosing the deck in order to expand the internal space of the Embassy, or for other purposes.

Please be advised that I am authorized to act on behalf of ANC 2D for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at ellen.goldstein@anc.dc.gov. My colleague and ANC 2D Chair is Commissioner David Bender, ANC 2D01.

On Behalf of the Commission,


Ellen Goldstein
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