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Office of Zoning
Government of the District of Columbia

LETTER OF OPPOSITION TO BZA APPLICATION No. 19112

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a neighbor and resident in close proximity to the property referenced in this case. While I understand the need for more housing in the District of Columbia, I cannot support this proposal.

Firstly, this proposal crams three dwelling units into a lot that was built for one dwelling unit. This would lead to an unusually high population density on the lot, compared to neighboring properties.

Secondly, the proposal erects a 40 feet long rear addition. The lot has three neighboring properties to the right and five neighboring properties to the left, with backyards of roughly the same length. The rear addition will severely reduce the light and air of properties on both sides and is completely out of character with the rest of the neighborhood.

The loss in light and air, when factored with the increase in population density, (and possible increase in noise) will diminish the quality of life of neighboring residents and the overall desirability of the neighborhood.

Lastly, this proposal makes no arrangements for parking locations for the residents of the new dwelling units. In fact, the proposal eliminates a parking port currently located in the back yard. The loss of an existing off-street parking port combined with the parking needs of two new dwelling units will put more pressure on street parking in the neighborhood.

In summary, the neighborhood is currently a peaceful, quiet, low-density, family-oriented one. This proposal effectively reduces the tranquility of the neighborhood and lessens the quality of life of its residents. I will welcome and support a plan that converts the existing lot into two dwelling units (even with a decent pop-up), doesn't include a rear addition and makes provision for four car ports in the rear yard.

Yours Sincerely,
Sunny Ahuwanya