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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jared Heming and I am writing in support of BZA Application No. 19191. I am a practicing architect in DC and I live immediately adjacent to Mrs. Eubanks.

In considering the proposal, it is important to consider the historic parameters of the property in question. Square 3533 was permitted at one time before World War 1; as the rowhomes were laid out, the developer made the end lots narrower and the houses longer, creating "bookends" at either end of the row. I surmise this also enabled the developer to squeeze another house into each row. This is reinforced by the fact that the alleys are narrower than other squares in the neighborhood. 133 U St NE is one of these bookend houses. When the present zoning was codified mid-century it automatically made this building non-compliant.

I believe the proposed work presents minimal impact to the character of the neighborhood considering the historic constraints of the property. The work also exhibits architectural merit, in keeping with the intentions of the Comprehensive Plan. It maintains the slope and character of the false mansard roof that characterizes the Daylight rowhouse typology. It utilizes the scale and detail of the original windows in the alley condition and replicates the brick step down at the parapet. Overall this is a measured and considerate proposal that works to create a better functioning family home whilst respecting the neighborhood and the adjoining properties.

I am a strong proponent of this proposal. It is the anti-thesis of the flipper pop-ups that have caused vocal and justified backlash. I am available for any questions via email at jarhemi@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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Owner and Resident
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Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.19191
EXHIBIT NO.26