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Frederick Hill, Chairman
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RE: Ward 3, case 19450, in support of short term family housing at 3320 Idaho Ave. NW

Dear Chairperson Hill:

I reside at the above address in Ward 3, right off of Wisconsin Avenue NW. I am writing this letter in full support of the proposed short term family housing at 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW.

I regularly support homeless ministries in Washington DC, including at my church, Metropolitan United Methodist Church on Nebraska Avenue. This is a critical time for this issue and our community. Homelessness is a serious problem in the District. I applaud the government's effort to construct short term housing for families who are homeless and to place this family housing in all Wards. The Ward 3 shelter is designed to accommodate 50 family units in a six-story building. Though concerns have been expressed about the height of the building, I do not believe the design of this facility is incompatible with the neighborhood, nor will its operation adversely affect the surrounding community.

Without the proposed family housing in Ward 3, the District will not be able to meet its goal of 240 replacement units citywide so D.C. General can finally be closed. Closing DC General, a long-term goal of the District, is widely supported as a great unmet need in the city.

I strongly urge you to grant the three variances needed to construct this facility at 3320 Idaho Ave. NW: more than one primary structure on the lot, the number of stories and building height as well as the requirement for a loading dock. The public good is served by approving this building.

Thank you for your efforts in this important matter for my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Beth Peters

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District of Columbia
CASE NO.19450
EXHIBIT NO.129