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**Subject:** Support for family shelter Case No. 19450

Attn: Frederick Hill, Chairman  
Board of Zoning Adjustment  
441 4th St. NW, Suite 210S  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairman Hill,

I am writing this letter to offer my full support for the proposed emergency family shelter at 3320 Idaho Avenue NW. I live about 12 blocks from the site. I have reviewed the architectural plans for the facility, and understand the District will have to obtain zoning relief from the Board of Zoning Adjustment for building height and number of stories, loading and parking. I also understand that the facility will share the lot with the 2nd District police station.

Homelessness is a serious problem in the District, and I applaud our local government's effort to construct short term housing for homeless families and to close D.C. General. City officials have made a persuasive case that to meet these goals, the shelter in Ward 3 must accommodate 50 families, which drives the six-story height requirement for the proposed building. I do not believe this project will adversely affect the surrounding community. It will support an important public objective of helping to house families in need. As such, I fully support the short-term family housing facility, and I hope the Board of Zoning Adjustment can approve the project as well.

Sincerely,

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Board of Zoning Adjustment  
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CASE NO.19450  
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