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**To:** DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)  
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**Subject:** Ward 3, Case 19450: IN SUPPORT of Proposed Short Term Family Housing at 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW

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Via E-Mail

Mr. Frederick Hill,  
Chairman, Board of Zoning Adjustment  
441 4<sup>th</sup> St., NW Suite 210S  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: **Ward 3, Case 19450**

**Supporting Short-Term**

**Family Housing at**

**3320 Idaho Ave., NW**

Dear Chairman Hill:

Over decades my family and I have purchased our groceries and other goods, as well as enjoyed the many restaurants, in the neighborhood surrounding 3320 Idaho Avenue, N.W. ---the proposed site of a small building to provide short-term family housing. As you know, the area bounded by Idaho/McComb/Wisconsin avenues not long ago completed extensive construction that added apartment buildings, multi-storied townhouses, new stores and restaurants to the neighborhood. Immediately to the north of the 3320 Idaho Avenue site, both on Idaho Avenue and inside the McLean Gardens complex, there are many multi-storied apartment buildings as high or higher than the building proposed for family housing, and certainly far, far larger than the proposed building. The proposed building clearly is compatible with the community, as it has developed over recent years.

I urge you to grant all variances needed to construct the proposed building. The District of Columbia has recognized the need for short-term housing for homeless families in this Ward. This site is unmatched. It will permit the city to close D.C. General, which has proved unsafe and unfit; it is immediately available; and is available at no additional cost to the city or its residents.

Board of Zoning Adjustment  
District of Columbia  
CASE NO.19450  
EXHIBIT NO.167

Sincerely,

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