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Attn: Frederick Hill, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Dear Mr. Hill and Members of the Board of Zoning Adjustments,

Our home since 2000 is within 500 feet of the Rhode Island short term family housing proposed site located at 1700 Rhode Island Ave NE. We chose to live in Brookland because of the nature of the neighborhood and it's strong sense of community. Our street is quiet and we like it that way. While I do not oppose homeless families being located in my neighborhood (we host our share of the city's families in need already), **I do oppose the zoning special exceptions and variances requested by the DC Department of General Services in case 19452 for the 1700 Rhode Island Avenue NE proposed temporary homeless shelter.**

The current shelter plan:

- will ruin the quality of life of the immediate neighbors, many of them elderly, and long time residents of Brookland.
- will sacrifice adequate play space for the over 50 children who would live there
- will create parking chaos, with the vehicles of shelter residents and staff. Often the only thing homeless people still own is their car.
- will obstruct traffic flow by providing inadequate off-street delivery space.

Please uphold the zoning regulations for 1700 Rhode Island Avenue NE. The city should either present a shelter plan for that location that is supportive of both the homeless families and the surrounding neighborhood, and meets all zoning requirements, or they should move their shelter project to a location where it will be within the zoning requirements and not be met with fierce opposition from the area residents.

Sincerely,



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