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Dear Mr. Moy:

I write in support of construction of the garage with an accessory apartment at issue in BZA Case 19521A. I currently live at 3536 S St. I am a recent college graduate renting my house in Burleith with 3 fellow working young professionals. Burleith is home to current college students, graduate students, young professionals like myself and families that own their property. The Burleith area is perfect for all lifestyles and stages in life. However, the issue of finding an up-to-date home to rent that is affordable proves to be a challenge every year. Housing in the area often come with premiums and poor outdated spaces. Sharing a house with my 3 other peers still proves to be dramatically expensive without the perks of modern living.

Additionally, because the area is home to many young renters like myself which do not own cars. However, finding a parking spot on S St. has never been a problem. There are always ample spots available. Burleith is at a central location where using the bus system to get to and from work has been convenient and easy. I use the Circulator bus to get to and from work every single day. A much greater problem than parking is, if anything, the lack of density in the neighborhood. Just last year, DDOT proposed eliminating the Circulator bus service to our neighborhood because of lack of ridership—a proposal which the ANC vigorously opposed. Allowing for the construction of smaller apartments, with residents who are likely to use transit, should ensure that there are enough transit riders in the neighborhood to support continued service.

Most of the commenters thus far have been homeowners, but there are significant number of renters in Burleith—or who would like to live in Burleith—and I hope the Board takes into account our views as well. The proposed apartment would help bring in renters, allow affordable prices, and would help add commuters to the public transportation systems in DC, not take away from the abundance of open parking spots in the area.

Sincerely,

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