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Mr. Fred Hill, Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW., Suite 200-S
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RE: BZA Case 19659

Dear Chairperson Hill and Members of the Board:

I write regarding application no. 19659 requesting relief to locate the Federation of State Medical Boards in the former Colombian chancery at 2118 Leroy Place, NW, which originally was residential and is in a D-3 Zone. I share the concerns of neighbors and neighborhood groups, and join them in asking the Board to deny this application.

Sheridan-Kalorama is a unique neighborhood that is primarily residential with a mix of diplomatic activity. The current diplomatic zoning overlay was carefully crafted to reduce chancery-related office uses, emphasizing the importance of maintaining the residential character of the neighborhood. BZA application 19659 is not only contrary to this public policy but its precedential effect would undermine the residential fabric that makes this neighborhood so unique and special. I further suspect that the Federation of State Medical Boards would generate greater, significant adverse traffic circulation impacts than the former Colombian chancery.

For these reasons, I join the residents and neighborhood groups of Sheridan-Kalorama in asking the Board to deny application 19659.

Sincerely,



Phil Mendelson

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