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Subject: Support for BZA 19771 (1834 Ontario Place NW)

To whom it may concern:

I write in support of the application for special exceptions for 1834 Ontario Place NW. My wife and I live with our son at 1818 Ontario Place NW. We have reviewed the plans for the proposed project at 1834 Ontario Place NW, and we believe that it is entirely reasonable and appropriate for our block.

I feel particularly compelled to express my support for this project in light of the opposition that I understand is being expressed by certain of our neighbors who have circulated a petition against the project and who may be intending to suggest that the entire neighborhood shares their views. I wish to make clear that at least some of us do support this project -- just as many of us, myself included, did not support the downzoning initiative whose adoption appears to be the primary basis for the opposition to this particular project.

Our city is growing, and I believe we need to be open to building additional housing in all areas, including older neighborhoods like Lanier Heights. It is also important, in my view, to make clear that we are excited about the potential for investment in our neighborhood and for the addition of greater density and the improved quality of life that I believe density enables. These considerations are particularly compelling here because the proposed project would be thoroughly in keeping with the existing character of the neighborhood and would not diminish any of the aesthetic qualities that many of appreciate about the area.

Respectfully submitted,

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