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**To:** DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)  
**Cc:** Ty Carson  
**Subject:** Support for BZA 19771 - 1834 Ontario Place NW

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a resident owner on the 1800 block of Ontario Place NW, I am writing to express support for the application for special exceptions pending before the board in case 19771 relating to renovations at 1834 Ontario Place NW. Some neighbors have expressed concern about the application, and the precedent that it might set; I am not one of those neighbors.

I have reviewed the plans and believe that the special exceptions requested by the owner are reasonable and necessary to expand and upgrade the structure to accommodate modern family lifestyles. This is not a case where the owner is proposing a giant tower that will cause nuisance to any neighbors. Rather, the owner is looking to thoughtfully expand the property, adding storage and living space that families value in modern homes, without compromising the aesthetics from the street. In addition, as much as I would like for the owner to improve or replace the existing porch, I recognize that it may not be salvageable in its current condition, and recognize that there is a home only two doors down where the owners removed their porch years ago.

My husband and I share the view of some of our neighbors that enforcing the zoning rules without providing for reasonable exceptions, such as requested in the pending application, would chill investment in our neighborhood, cause some residents to move elsewhere, and dissuade others from moving here. These homes, as originally designed, are not well-suited for the needs of modern, growing families. Some expansions are required for additional living space, storage, and mechanical needs. The designs for 1834 provide these expansions without compromising the community aesthetic.

For these reasons, I support the proposed application for special exceptions that is pending before the board in case 19771.

Respectfully Submitted,

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