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Ms. Jerrily R. Kress
Director
Office of Zoning
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441 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Case Number 08-21, Athena Group, LLC – Consolidated Review of a PUD and Related Map Amendment @ Square 1356.

Director Kress:

I would like to request to appear as a party in Zoning Commission Case Number 08-21.

I am neither a proponent nor opponent of the application, but would like the opportunity to explain the impact on our property, and the positive steps Athena has taken to address our concerns. Since I am one of the few homeowners with an adjacent property line, I would also like an opportunity to address any issues that arise about the concerns of immediate neighbors. I will not appear through counsel, nor will I have witnesses. My statement should take less than 5 minutes.

I am requesting party status because my husband and I own the house (SSL 1356 0901) that is immediately adjacent to the site in question, and 17 windows in the rear of our home will face the new development. Whatever is built on the site will affect the view from our home, the light and air that reaches our home, and the resale value of our property.

We appreciate the steps Athena has taken to address the height and proximity of the homes that will be closest to our home, and want to make sure the commission takes that into account as they evaluate the proposal.

I understand that I am sending this after Monday's deadline, but hope you will consider my request for status. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Mimi Castaldi

ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia
CASE NO. 08-21
EXHIBIT NO. 21