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Clerk
Office of Administrative Hearings
One Judiciary Square
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 870 North
Washington, DC 20001

RE: DC Notice of Violation K-414998

I received the above notice on June 2 with a \$75.00 fine for illegal deposit of trash in the alley. I have resided at 1707—37th Street, NW since 1976 (35 years) and am a senior citizen 76 years of age. I was out of town from May 16 through June 1 and was not responsible for any trash or household refuse placed behind my fence during that time period. I DENY THE VIOLATION.

I called the Department of Transportation this morning informing them of the abatement and requested a reinspection which they said would be conducted today.

Georgetown University had its graduation ceremonies the weekend of May 22-23. Graduating seniors emptied their rental units that weekend and according to my next door neighbor, the students at 3635 R Street filled all the garbage bins and left bags of trash and refuse behind my property. Those students have all left the area. There are new renters at that location. My neighbors said that the entire alley was impacted that weekend.

The owners of four houses in my immediate vicinity, all rental properties, (two in the alley directly behind me 3635 and 3633 on R Street) and two adjacent to the north of me on 37th Street 1709 and 1711.) have turned their backyards into parking lots with little room for trashcans. As a result, many of these trash and recycling cans are placed behind my fence. After trash is collected, trash collectors replace up to 6 trash and recycling containers behind my fence often blocking my back gate.

Several months ago I put a sign on my fence requesting that no-one place their trash behind my property. That sign was removed recently and only the string remains. My neighborhood, Burleith, has more than 50% renters and many are students from Georgetown University. I feel that I have been unjustly targeted for the illegal behavior of these students.

Important information for scheduling the hearing. I will be out of town June 15-July 12 and out of the country July 29 through August 22.

Sincerely,


Mary Ann MacKenzie

CC: Jack Evans, Ward 2 Council Member

Linda Greenan Associate Vice President for External Relations, GTU ZONING COMMISSION
DC Zoning Commission – Opposition to GTU Campus Plan, Case No. 10-32

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