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OFFICE OF ZONING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re.: BZA Case #16370

Dear Ms. Coss Reid,

I am writing to indicate my most strenuous objection to the application by Jack M. Fields for a special exception to permit him to have two additional employees in his proposed home office at 434 New Jersey Avenue, S.E..

In the ten years that I have lived on the block, I have repeatedly witnessed and been subjected to the noise, trash, and congestion which businesses run out of several townhouses have brought to our residential block. These grievances are compounded by the spill over from the House Office buildings, the National Democratic Club, tourism, and popular activities organized on The Mall. Enforcement of parking restrictions is deplorably lax and rarely are noise complaints handled adequately. While representatives of these businesses provide eloquent lip service to the idea of being good neighbors, they do not in fact act accordingly and we are left to clean up their mess without effective recourse. Based on the experiences I have had, I believe Mr. Fields' employees and clients will only add to what is an already lamentably congested residential street.

There are many who have purchased properties on this block and have committed to long term, heavy investments in an effort to upgrade homes and create a safe and attractive residential neighborhood. Granting this special exception will only encourage the unwelcome trend of allowing businesses to become established in what is, and should remain, a residential block. It is my sincere hope that you will weigh our concerns and help us to protect our investments and conserve our neighborhood.

Yours sincerely,

C. Desiree Ponti

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