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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, Chair
and Ms. Sheri M. Pruitt-Williams, Interim Director
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.
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OFFICE OF ZONING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Re: Application Number 16370
Application of Gerald Cassidy on behalf of Jack Milton Fields
regarding use of premises, 434 New Jersey Avenue, S.E. (Square 694, Lot 811)

As the resident owner of 423 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., immediately across the street from the property noted above for which a special exception zoning variance has been requested, I had hoped to appear at the hearing today. I was, however, unable to do so because of work obligations.

I write to **oppose** the application for special exception variance for 434 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., ***unless every property in the 400-block of New Jersey Avenue, S.E., is granted a similar variance.***

This unique street in the shadow of the Capitol, with few exceptions, constitutes a homogenous neighborhood of single and multi-family residences. Its quality will be diminished by further commercialization, which may indeed heighten the value of those properties granted special exception use variances.

If the residential nature of the neighborhood is to be further breached by commercial uses, equity demands that those same expanded uses should be extended to every property-owner on the street, not simply to former members of Congress and their lobbying offices.

I hope you will consider this argument during the evaluation of this application and that you will advise me as to the outcome of your deliberations.

Sincerely,

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