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OFFICE OF ZONING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.
Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

RE: BZA Application No. 16443 (Area Variance for 2964 Newark Street, N.W.)

I am writing in regard to the application of Rainer Kraus, 2964 Newark Street, N.W., for permission to retain the twice-enlarged parking pad in front of his home. The hearing is to be held on Wednesday, April 21, 1999, and I ask that this letter be part of the record for this hearing. I am an owner of the house immediately to the east of his home.

I strongly urge that this application be denied. Mr. Kraus has added two parking places to his original single parking pad, without going through the proper procedures. I have to assume that he did this because he knew that his neighbors would object to this.

I know that Mr. Kraus is handicapped, and I would like the city to accommodate him by providing a handicapped parking space on the street in front of his home.

His condition, however, is not the reason that he wants the spaces for three vehicles. In the several months that Mr. Kraus has owned the vehicle with handicapped designation I have seen that vehicle parked in his driveway only once. In fact the parking pad is used by his tenants, all of whom drive vehicles with non-District license plates. Mr. Kraus's handicapped-designated vehicle is always parked on the street in front of his home.

The parking of ~~a~~ two or three vehicles (including 1 and, sometimes, 2 pick-up trucks) on the parking pad in front of his narrow townhouse is extremely unattractive to the eye. I am quite sure that it is a detriment to the property values of not only his own house, but also to the values of his neighbors' homes.

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The situation can be alleviated for all concerned by removing the additional parking spaces from the original parking pad, and by providing a designated handicapped parking spot on the street in front of Mr. Kraus's house. I urge you to require that removal and also to provide the designated handicapped space. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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