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Re: BZA Application No. 16443 (Area variance for 2964 Newark Street, NW)

Dear Ms. Reid:

I am a Newark Street neighbor concerned about the illegal parking pad at the home of Rainer Kraus, 2964 Newark Street, NW.

For almost a decade now, a *very large, bright red, commercial pick-up truck* has been parked on an illegally constructed parking pad in the front of Mr. Kraus's home. I am particularly distressed by the fact that the commercial vehicle has maintained Maryland tags all this time. Often during this time there have been one or two additional vehicles parked here as well, sometimes even a second red pick-up truck. Most front lawns on Newark Street and Cleveland Park are quite small. In addition the width of the Kraus lot and the adjacent neighbor's lot to the west are quite narrow.

As you know Cleveland Park is an historic district and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1987. Newark Street has been the gateway to Cleveland Park since the neighborhood was first developed in the 1880's. I am but one of several tour guides who gives frequent walking tours of this lovely, historic neighborhood, and all tours go past this "parking lot." There is a significant negative visual impact of three vehicles (one of which is a *very large, bright red, commercial pick-up truck with Maryland tags*) parked on a front lawn, and to me this "parking lot" has been a constant reminder of the lack of enforcement of existing laws in our wonderful city. A parking pad of any size is not permitted directly in front of a house in any of DC's historic districts. I also understand that commercial vehicles are only allowed a very limited time to be parked on residential parking pads. Yet this vehicle and often two additional vehicals have been allowed to remain on his front lawn for nine or ten years.

I am very sympathetic to Mr. Kraus' physical handicap, and can appreciate how his caretakers and guests wish to park near his home. But I do not believe Mr. Kraus's handicap should permit him to turn his front lawn into a "parking lot." After all this time, I would like to see this *very large, bright red, commercial pick-up truck with Maryland tags* removed, the "parking lot" discontinued, and DC laws enforced. I applaud your efforts in doing just that.

Thank you for your consideration,

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