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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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Re: BZA No. 16443 (Area Variance for 2964 Newark St., NW)

Dear Ms. Pruitt-Williams

We wish to clarify our letter to the Board dated April 15, 1999, regarding the above matter. We originally thought that Mr. Kraus already had received two variances to expand an existing parking pad on his front lawn and now was seeking a third such variance. We now understand that Mr. Kraus has not, in fact, ever received variances for the prior expansions, and now is seeking retroactive approval to keep the prior expansions in place.

We wish to advise the Board that we object to the requested retroactive variance, partcularly if it would extend beyond Mr. Kraus' ownership of the property. This, because it seriously would impair the historic and valued residential area we share with him, in that the parking pad covers virtually the entirety of his property's front lawn. It also would encourage future residents of this Cleveland Park area to file requests for parking pad variances in this heavily impacted traffic area just off Connecticut Aveneue. This, of course, in lieu of more normal garage or driveway parking.

We have great compassion for Mr. Kraus who is a seriously handicapped man. But we believe that his legitimate parking needs can be met by his initial parking pad and issuance by the appropriate D.C. office of a "reserved, handicapped person" parking space on the Newark Street curb, directly facing his dwelling. This we would strongly support.

We request that the application for a retroactive variance be denied.

Sincerely,

John L. and Louise S. Steele

Louise S. Steele

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