117 Sixth Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
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Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA
Director, Office of Zoning
Suite 210
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC

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RE: BZA Application No. 16544

Dear Ms. Kress:

I am writing to convey my strong support of the application for a variance to permit the construction of two garages at 12 and 16 7th Street, NE. I have been a Capitol Hill resident for 34 years and now live at 117 Sixth St., NE. My home is approximately one block from the property in question.

I strongly believe that the construction of the two garages will enhance the safety of the residents of the property, as well as contribute to the safety of the overall neighborhood. As have many Capitol Hill residents, I have been the victim of crimes, particularly in recent years. I strongly believe that garages deter crime, by creating safe places for homeowners to park their cars. This leads to more use of the alleys, and more traffic in the alleys is a very effective deterrent to crime.

It would also be terribly unfair to deny these new homeowners the right to have a garage in which to park, when so many of the neighboring properties have garages. The construction of two new garages will be completely compatible with the surrounding properties.

Thank you for your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

Robert I. Schramm

cc: Ms. Janet Schmidt, ANC 6-A
Mr. Lyle Schauer, Capitol Hill Restoration Society

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