February 15, 2000

Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: **APPLICATION # 16550**

I would like to register my opposition to the application for a variance from Subsection 2507.2 concerning a proposal to construct 10 row houses in the alley behind 1406 through 1424 Webster Street, NW. The proposed construction is in the alley behind my house at 1432 Webster Street, NW. I am very concerned that the proposed construction would create an unsafe situation, upset the balance in a stable, established neighborhood, and destroy the overall quality of life on my street and in my neighborhood.

The alley behind my house is very narrow. At it's narrowest point it is 9 feet, 4 inches wide. For this reason, not even the trash trucks can pass through the alley. In the event of a fire at the proposed construction, we could all end up DEAD.

Another major concern of mine is for the parking situation in the neighborhood. Parking on the 1400 block of Webster is very difficult now and the proposed construction would make matters much worse. In addition to bringing the cars of new residents and visitors into the neighborhood, there are also 27-30 cars currently parked on the vacant lot that would be displaced onto the surrounding streets. This would make parking horrendous. I understand that the proposed construction calls for 10 parking spaces. This would not even compensate for half of the cars that are currently parked on the vacant property. There are many elderly people in our neighborhood that would be more than inconvenienced by the lack of parking. For them, lack of parking could be a LIFE THREATENING. The people in our neighborhood did not choose in live in Adams Morgan. We do not live close to a Metro Station. Convenient parking is very important to us. Please do not allow this developer to take away our parking.

I vehemently protest this application for a zoning variance. Please do not let this occur.

Sincerely,

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