Re- Application No. 16558

February 28, 2000

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OFFICE OF ZONING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To: The Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N.W., Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

From: John and Roberta Miller

We own and occupy the premises at 3909 Jocelyn Street, N. W. Washington, D.C. Our property is on the block of Jocelyn Street that would be most directly affected by the variance that is being requested to build an addition in the rear yard of the premises at 5308 39th Street.

We strongly oppose the application for variance. The proposed addition would reduce the sense of space and accompanying light and air that is one of the most important amenities of our neighborhood. It would crowd together two houses that now are separated by a pleasant vista of vegetation and open space. It would impair the pleasure of walking in the neighborhood. The zoning regulations specifically direct that rear yards must conform to the rear yard setback requirements in order to protect the neighborhood against precisely such ill-considered construction as is proposed in this case.

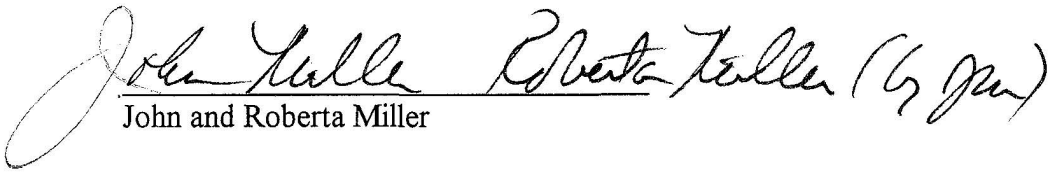
We are open-minded about variances. We are happy to support them if they help to make the neighborhood more pleasing. But this proposed variance would have the opposite effect.

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We feel very strongly that the proposed addition has no place in our neighborhood. We therefore urge the Board to reject the request for variance. We are concurrently urging the ANC to recommend against the application.

Respectfully submitted,



John and Roberta Miller

February 26, 2000