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Board of Zoning Adjustment
D.C. Office of Zoning
441 Fourth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

February 27, 2000

Dear Members, Board of Zoning Adjustment:

This letter addresses the proposed rear yard variance for the house at 5308 39th St. N.W. We live three houses north at 5324 39th St.

We are not opposed to the remodeling of the house in question. However, we are concerned about the importance of adhering to rear yard setback requirements in this neighborhood. The zoned setbacks in our area serve to protect what limited amounts of space are available for our tightly spaced homes.

As the 5308 house is on 39th St., the rear yard faces west, which calls for a 25 foot setback. The existing setback is now only 20 feet, but is grandfathered. The owner has prepared a construction plan that would extend her house to within 8 feet of the adjacent house on the west (3902 Jocelyn Street). The proposed variance does not address an issue of hardship for the owner, and we feel does impose an unwelcome encroachment on the owners of 3902 Jocelyn.

If a variance serves to enhance the neighborhood, or meet a critical human need, we would not oppose it. Yet, we do not think this one is appropriate or needed, and are opposed to it as it now stands.

Respectfully,

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