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Board of Zoning Adjustment
Office of Zoning
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF ZONING
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RE: Application No. 16558 for a Variance at 5308 39th Street, NW

To the Board of Zoning Adjustment:

We are writing to oppose the application for a variance at 5308 39th Street, NW, application no. 16558. We reside at 3900 Military Road, one block north of the property that is the subject of the application for a variance.

While we respect the right of property owners to modify their residences to meet their changing needs, we feel that the character of the neighborhood must also be respected. That character is created and preserved by the zoning laws that have been in place for decades. The distance between houses in our neighborhood is such that each family can enjoy relative privacy. There is also ample greenery between and around the majority of houses, which enhances that quality and character of the neighborhood. These were among the primary reasons we purchased a house in Chevy Chase.

By building an addition that would dramatically reduce the distance between the applicant and her neighbor in the rear, we feel an unwelcome precedent would be set. Variances should be permitted when they do not change the look and feel of a neighborhood. We feel this is not the case in this situation and urge you to vote against the application.

Thank you, and if we can provide further information, please contact us at (202) 237-7555.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Travers Michael Heffner

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