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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT
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Ms. Jerrily R. Kress
Director
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 16564

Dear Ms. Kress:

On April 5, 2000, the Board of Zoning Adjustment considered my wife's and my application for a variance to enable us to build a small, single-story, frame addition to our house at 6683 32nd. Place, N.W. We unfortunately were unable to attend the hearing due to travel which we had scheduled on the basis of incorrect information on the date of the hearing received from your office. However, we were represented by our contractor, Mr. Laurent Lafleur, of Lafleur Associates. We understand that the Board denied our application and would like to appeal that decision and present our case in the nearest future.

According to Mr. Lafleur, although the hearing confirmed the absence of objections to the proposed project by any of our neighbors and that ANC 3G had approved it unanimously, he was asked at least one question which had not been raised previously in the process, i.e., the extent of the hardship which we would experience if the extension were built in such a way that a variance would not be needed. As we had not discussed that specific issue with him, he unfortunately was not in a position to respond authoritatively on it on our behalf.

In fact, there are a number of very sound practical, aesthetic, and financial reasons for building the addition in the way we propose, and why, after careful consideration, we rejected alternative solutions which could be realized without a variance. We would welcome the opportunity to present that information to the Board as soon as possible and to respond to any further questions. We would be most grateful if your staff could provide us with instructions and any other necessary information for registering our appeal. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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