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→ owner of: 1510 "P" NW - A: 0100 ; Sq. 0195

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BOARD of ZONING ADJUSTMENT
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Ref.: Appl.Nr. 16575
Adv.Neighb.Comm 2B

Gentlemen :

The Application Number 16575 for a variance to 1501 16th Street,(Sq.194;Lot 110) has come to our attention and we had planned to be present on June 7 at the public hearing. Due to circumstances beyond our control we will bot be able to do so and so we take the liberty in expressing ourselves herewith :

(1510 "P" NW.) The "P" Street block between 16th and 15th Street has changed substantially since 1978 when we bought a run down Victorian .It changed for the better and became a nice residential block.

In 1978 we were younger and worked ourselves, extremely hard, to make this old house a decent place for people to live .

Indeed there was a time when the house next to 1501 16th Street on "P" Street was a house with "Human Services". They were all kind of incidences , thankfully none tragic, but all very costly and unnecessary. Nobody felt comfortable and we had trouble in renting our house.- The Victorian glass in our house was vandalised , the front door was crowbarred in an attempt at break and entry,burglaries occurered ,there was far more garbage(soda cans, paper etc) strewn about and the neighborhood for which we had devoted years of our lives went into decline. -

The presence of the oalition of Health and Human Serrvices , we fear,will not help the residential area but retrograde the character of the block which has slowly and painfully come a long way.

We therefore urge you NOT to authorize the variance which from our experience, would again bring a decline to the neighborhood with ensuing losses and unnecessary hardships for those of us who have worked so diligently to bring to fruition the renaissance of this area, with indirect benefits to the city .

sincerely,

Louis M. and Irmelle L. Small

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