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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
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Dear Ms. Kress:

This is to testify (in opposition) and to request party status at the public hearing in case # 16597, Application of Elaine Carrera. This is the second application for variances for this project at 623 Mellon Street. The first was September 19, 2000. At that time the request was returned to the Office of the Zoning Administrator because this property was used as a business – a residential facility for 14 patients, per the Certificate of Occupancy Permit.

Although the property and project are the same as in 2000, the new zoning request does not indicate this property is being used as a business and it request variances using the same zoning regulations that would apply if the property were a single family home. Additionally, the September 2000 request indicates that a "variance from the rear yard requirement for a dwelling in the R-5-A zone," was needed, the 2001 request does not mention a rear-yard requirement. I have tried to get written clarification from the DCRA, zoning office as to what is needed, none has been received as of this date.

ANC 8C held a meeting in August to discuss this project with the residents in the area around this property and the applicant and her staff. The variances requested were not addressed. To my knowledge there has not yet been a discussion of this project at a public meeting.

Sincerely,

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