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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, Chair
District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Room 210
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Case No. 16618, The Phillips Collection, 1600 21st Street, N.W., Square 66, Lots 74, 819, and 827

Dear Ms. Reid,

I write to support the application of The Phillips Collection for zoning variances to accommodate the museum's plans for expansion.

The Phillips Collection has been a treasure of immeasurable value in this community for nearly 80 years. I personally have enjoyed viewing the unrivaled collection of paintings and world-class exhibitions in the personal and intimate setting of the museum. Like so many others, I have benefited from the educational programs, events, and free concerts that have been made available to our community for over 60 years.

I have seen the plan that the museum has put forth and believe that it is sensitive to the residential neighborhood of which it has become an integral part. The design will greatly improve the museum's ability to fulfill its educational mission, specifically with regard to the relationship between The Phillips Collection and local schools.

The museum has conscientiously addressed the community's concerns about traffic, parking, and other impacts on the neighborhood and has responded accordingly in their proposed plans. I urge that the BZA approve the variances for The Phillips Collection's proposed expansion.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Thompson

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