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

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

I am writing this letter in support of the application of The Phillips Collection for zoning variances to accommodate the museum's expansion plan.

For nearly eighty years The Phillips Collection has been of inestimable value to all of Washington, not only through its unparalleled collection of paintings and extraordinarily well-respected exhibitions, but also through its educational outreach programs, its many scheduled events and its series of free Sunday concerts—which have been available to our community for over 60 years.

What the museum would like to do at this time in order to increase its capability to fulfill its educational mandate, especially with regard to the relationship between The Phillips Collection and local schools, is to undertake the renovation and expansion of an adjoining property in order to accommodate not only the programs it wishes to embark upon, but also to ensure that the proposed plan addresses the local community's concerns about traffic, parking, and any other environmental impact on the neighborhood. Because The Phillips has conscientiously sought neighborhood input and thus has proposed a plan that effectively deals with their expressed concerns, I urge that the Board of Zoning Adjustment approve the variances for The Phillips Collection's proposed expansion.

Sincerely yours,

Mary LaClair

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