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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,

As an owner resident of the Phillips Collection neighborhood for over seven years, I am writing to support the application of The Phillips Collection for zoning variances that will accommodate the museum's plans for expansion.

I have attended most of the Phillips Collection's exhibitions over the years that I have lived here and I feel that the museum adds a great deal to the neighborhood 's culture and attractiveness to homeowners. I have also found the museum's educational programs, events, and free concerts to be extremely beneficial. During this time, I have been a mentor for an underprivileged girl who lives in DC and we have attended many of the Phillips Collection's educational programs over the years.

I am familiar with the plan that the museum has put forth for expansion and believe that it is sensitive to the residential neighborhood. It appears that 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. I applaud their continuing efforts targeted to childhood education.

In my opintion, 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.*

BZA
Case No. 16618
Exhibit No. 66

Sincerely,

Nicole L. Ruman

c: The Phillips Collection

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