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Ms Sheila Cross Reid, Chair
District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 220
Washington, DC 20001

ATTN: Ms. Jerilee Kress, Secretary to the Board Williams

Case No. 16642 Georgetown Flea Market, Application For Use Variance.

Dear Ms. Reid:

Pursuant to the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure, I hereby respectfully petition the Board to grant me status as an **opposing party** in the above-entitled cases. I make this request only in the event that my original written request for party status in the Applicant's previous applications to use this site for commercial purposes, which request was filed with the Board on April 15, 2000, is no longer deemed effective and valid as to the present case.

As in my prior request, my present request is supported by the following points:

1. I am a 16-year residential property owner within the immediate vicinity of the subject site and am one of the residents most directly and heavily impacted by the commercial activities in question.

2. No other person, to the best of my knowledge and belief, has as yet been granted opposing party status, though there is significant opposition to the subject applications. It would be inappropriate and unjust to deny party status to at least one immediate residential neighbor in opposition a proposed commercial use..

3. Several other neighboring property owners have authorized me to indicate their names and addresses as persons in opposition to the subject applications. Their names and addresses appear below.

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4. Given my property's proximity, the fact that I am the first resident to petition for opposition status, and the support from two other owners on my block, I would be a true and accurate representative of the class of persons who oppose.

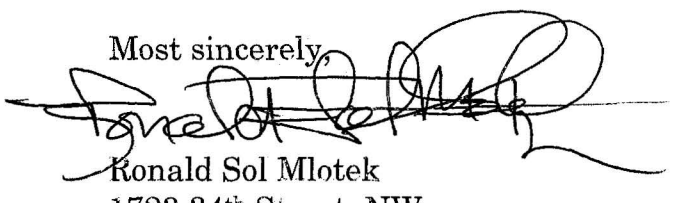
To the extent that granting this request would require the Board to waive any applicable rule, I respectfully request that the Board in fact grant such waiver.

In support of my request for waiver of the rules, if such be needed, I aver to the Board the following. First, the procedural history and posture of this case has been complex and difficult to follow as a resident. The applicant in late 1999 filed several cases for essentially the same relief, then requested postponement. By letter dated April 15, 2000, I filed for party status in these cases and was later granted such by the Board. I appeared at several hearings, and objected to further postponement. Finally, I was given to understand that the Applicant, under unexplained circumstances, was for the time being no longer pursuing the two original cases, but would be refiling them in due course. I have therefore presumed that my original written request for party status would remain efficacious. Second, since receiving formal notification of the present case in December, my attention has been preoccupied by a sudden and serious illness contracted by my wife.

For the sake of the record and to avoid any possibility of misunderstanding or adverse appearance, I wish to underscore that my activities in this case are, of course, in no manner whatever related to my capacity and role as an attorney for the Federal government. I am acting here, solely and exclusively, as a private property owner in the area, in reliance upon my First Amendment right to appear in defense of my property interests in proceedings such as this.

Lastly, I must also emphasize that I am in no manner in this case acting, purporting to act, or seeking to act as an attorney-at-law representing any person other than myself. I specifically do not legally represent the property owners named below who authorized me simply to convey to the Board their own support for the opposition I making on my own behalf.

Most sincerely,



Ronald Sol Mlotek
1723 34th Street, NW

34th Street property owners and residents who have authorized me to indicate in any public proceeding or forum their opposition to the subject application:

Mr. James Gormley
1733 34th Street NW
Washington, DC 20007

Mr. Bert Eastridge
1722 34th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Ms. Lois Mills
1714 34th Street, NW
Washington DC 20007

Ms. Jean Sherrier,
Owner of 1712 34th St., NW
Washington, DC 20007,
Resident at 1714 34th St., NW
Washington, DC 20007