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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to request a variance from the Board of Zoning Adjustment for the property located above. In support thereof, I submit the following:

This supplemental application which contains additional "pertinent information" is designed to provide the operative body with sufficient credible information as it considers my request.

Background:

An application was made with the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs for a Certificate of Occupancy concerning the stated property.

However, the Zoning Review Branch ruled as a matter of fact and law, that the Applicant's application for "...a Certificate of Occupancy...to use premises as rooming house...is disapproved due to the need for Board of Zoning Adjustment approval."

The Zoning Review Branch goes on to say that "Although your proposed use is a permitted use in the zone district, you must provide off-street parking..."

In fact, the specific off-street parking dimensions are outlined as follows:

> **...Each parking space must be 9' x 19", covered with four (4) inches of all weather impervious material, be accessible by a 14' aisle, and be located on the lot as the primary use.**

The applicant will note that the building plat ascertained from the D.C. Surveyor's office depicts an area in the rear of the house which has dimensions that are greatly and significantly smaller than the required dimensions for three parked

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cars (See Attachment A).

As such, the applicant could not possibly meet the parking requirement outlined by the Zoning Review Branch. Thus, the applicant's request for a variance takes on enhanced significance.

The applicant relies upon the previsions found in the DCMR Title 11, Section 3102.2 which note:

> **...by reason of exceptional topographical conditions or other extraordinary or exceptional situation...a variance from the strict application so as to relieve the difficulties or hardship...can be granted.**

Because of the Zoning Review Branch's response, I am sincerely requesting that I receive every consideration for this variance. If you require additional information, please let me know. My telephone number is (301) 203-7502. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Delores Flowers
Owner

I want to also point out that most of our clients are picked up and returned to the house via transportation provided by organizations affiliated with the North Mental Health Commission. In addition, we are an ideal location and within quick and easy access to buses and the Metro.