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Mr. Geoffrey H. Griffis
Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.
Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: BZA Appeal No. 16679
3020 43rd Street, N.W. (Square 1621, Lot 70)

Dear Chairman Griffis:

My wife, daughter and I live immediately adjacent to the above-referenced property which the BZA and the D.C. Court of Appeals have repeatedly found was illegally improved by Mr. Charles Sisson five (5) years ago. Like our neighbor, Mrs. Mildred R. Crary, who lives on the opposite side of the Sisson property (and successfully brought the original BZA Appeal 16405), we are greatly concerned, seriously and adversely affected by the illegal improvements which were completed, numerous after-the-fact building permits obtained, Mr. Sisson's continuing failure to voluntarily bring the property into compliance, and the property's transient and inappropriate uses, deteriorating condition and lack of any maintenance.

I have offered on numerous occasions (both through Mr. Sisson's lawyer and directly with Mr. Sisson) to work with Mr. Sisson in reaching a resolution of this ongoing matter. In spite of my proffers to assist, he has been unwilling to engage with me in any meaningful dialogue. As a result, I am respectfully requesting to participate as a party in support of the appeal filed by the Spring Valley-Wesley Heights Citizen's Association pursuant to 11 DCMR 3106.2.

As the owner of the immediately adjacent property, my interests in this matter are direct and substantial. The improvements illegally constructed by Mr. Sisson have an immediate and ongoing negative impact on my home and family, including visual obstruction by the illegal front porch, the excessive scale of the improvements, and the prohibited use of the private driveway running behind my house and across my property.

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In addition to the illegally-constructed improvements, Mr. Sisson, over the last five (5) years, has almost entirely abandoned this property and forsaken all necessary maintenance of the improvements and yard creating an inviting atmosphere for vandalism, diminishing the otherwise clean, well-kept aesthetic of the homes on our street, and producing significant pedestrian hazards with vines and leaf accumulation on the public sidewalk in front of his property in the Summer, Fall and Spring, and unshovelled snow and ice in the Winter.

For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully request the Board to grant me party status for the upcoming appeal hearing. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Stein

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