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Mr. Robert Sockwell, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth St., NW, Second Floor
Washington, DC 20001

March 13, 2001

Re: BZA Case No. 16703
308 D St., NE
Statement of Support

Dear Mr. Sockwell,

The Stanton Park Neighborhood Association (SPNA) is a long-established civic association which represents the interests of the residential community in the area bounded by East Capitol, Second Street, H Street, and Tenth Street, NE. SPNA's Land Use Committee reviewed the referenced project at a meeting held March 12, 2001.

SPNA usually recommends that applications such as this be handled via a special exception. However, because the existing property is non-conforming with respect to lot coverage, the owners are seeking a variance for the construction of a deck above an existing garage. SPNA supports the requested variance due to the following circumstances,

1) The rear of the property overlooks a surface parking lot which presents an unnecessary visual burden, and a particularly unattractive view.

2) The applicant's request will not impose a hardship or visual impact on nearby properties, and in fact several other similar properties in this row have constructed garage-top decks.

3) The proposed design should improve the appearance of the property from the alley, and does not harm the character of the Capitol Hill Historic District.

Sincerely,

Drury Tallant
SPNA Land Use Committee

cc: 308 D Street, NE

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