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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St. NW, Suite 210-S
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Application Number 16709

Dear Board Members,

I am writing in regards to the proposal by Bill and Kate Brannon to turn the two-unit rental property known as 301 Third St. SE into a single family home and build a two-story addition in the back.

I have lived on Capitol Hill for many years and have lived next to the Brannons for the last three years. The Brannons are ideal neighbors who go out of their way to support not only their immediate neighbors, but also the block as a whole. They have shoveled my walk after snow storms, have watered my plants while I was out of town, and have used their own initiative, as well as working with neighbors, to try to beautify the tree boxes along Third St. They are very aware and receptive to the historic nature and sense of community within our neighborhood.

The Brannons have told me about their request for variances and we have discussed their plans to make 301 Third St. a single family home. I am in full support of their proposal, and feel that the property needs an addition to make it suitable for raising a family. The addition would also help to unify a building that has always appeared disconnected from its neighboring properties.

It is also my opinion that the trend towards single family, owner occupied homes should be encouraged, and I hope that the Board of Zoning approves the Brannons' requested variances.

Sincerely,

John Lewis
Member of Congress

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