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Jerrily R. Kress
Director
DC Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 16712

Dear Ms. Kress:

Don and Barbara Heffernan, the neighbors immediately to my North, have applied for a variance to build a deck on the rear of their home. I looked at the plans for the Heffernan's deck and I fully support the variance. The deck will be at the first floor level. It will not interfere with my enjoyment of my property and will substantially enhance theirs.

Don mentioned to me that he and Barb decided to add a deck to get better use of their yard. Don explained that pain in his hips and knees have been causing him problems for the last few years and he anticipates increasing problems in the future since severe arthritis apparently runs in his family. The deck is designed to serve as an outdoor extension of the Heffernan's kitchen. Because it will extend directly out at floor level, Don will be able to enjoy the yard without going up and down stairs.

I believe the deck the Heffernan's have proposed would be an asset to their property or any similiarly situated townhouse.

Sincerely,

Lee P. Reno
233 9th Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

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