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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N. W.
Suite 210
Washington, DC 2001

Re: BZA Application No. 16729, 114-124 Wayne Place, S.E.
(Square 6118, Lots 42 and 43)

Dear Members of the Board:

As the Councilmember for Ward Eight, where the proposed senior housing apartment facility will be located, I wish to inform the Board that I wholeheartedly support the Applicant's request for special exception and variance relief. This relief is necessary in order to allow this important project to become a reality for a struggling area between Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mississippi Avenues. The proposed development is supported by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8C and many members of the community.

The Applicant proposes to demolish two vacant and deteriorating apartment buildings currently known as "The Courtyard at Wayne Place" and replace them with a state-of-the-art, 56-unit housing facility for the elderly. In addition to being a visual blight, the current buildings are often used for nefarious purposes and, as such, are a danger to residents in the area. The Applicant proposes to provide senior citizen residents with a wide range of services in a secure and attractive environment. The Applicant has developed a similar facility in the Metropolitan area which, by all accounts, has been successful in improving the surrounding are in which it is located and serving the needs of the often under-served senior citizen population.

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In as much as an experienced developer with a proven track record of success with this type of development has an interest in returning these parcels to a productive and beneficial use, as a community it is important that we marshal all available resources in order to revitalize deteriorating and blighted areas.

Sincerely,

Sandra C. Allen
Councilmember Ward Eight