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Board of Zoning Adjustment
Government of the District of Columbia
Suite 210-S
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application Number 16731

To the Board:

My Joint Tenancy co-owner, Steve Kehoe, and myself submit these written views about this case.

Our home is almost directly across Constitution Avenue from Mr. Johnson's existing nonconforming structure upon which he proposes to add a roof deck.

We support the granting of the requested variance.

Mr. Johnson has worked hard to improve the rear of his home, which due to the genius of Pierre L'Enfant, faces our home. The roof deck will nicely finish off the existing noncomforming structure's current unremarkable flat roof. Two of Mr. Johnson's neighbor's have roof decks with no unreasonable impacts on the historic nature of the neighborhood nor do they interfere with our enjoyment of our home. If it is landscaped as well as Mr. Johnson's backyard, the whole neighborhood will benefit.

It is important for residences backing upon another street to recognize the need to tend to both the front and the rear yards. Mr. Johnson certainly does a superior job on this point.

Plus, this project is one in our neighborhood that will not increase the pressure on vehicle parking.

We appreciate your consideration of our views and once again encourage you to grant Mr. Johnson his requested variance.

Best regards,

Bill Crews

Steve Kehoe

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