November 8, 2001

1237 Wylie St. NE
Washington, D.C. 20002

Ms. Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA
441 4th. Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Ms. Kress:

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opposition to The Fishing School continuing to operate in the 1200 block of Wylie Street NE. I regret that work commitments prevent me from attending to express my opposition more openly and effectively.

I have lived in Washington, DC for seventeen years, but have lived on Wylie Street for only eleven months. Before I movedto this area I had never experienced or been a victim of any type of crime. Since moving to Wylie Street, I have been threatened, my home has been vandalized, property has been stolen, my vehicle has been vandalized and shot up by neighbors who live on this block just a few doors down from me and across from The Fishing School. When I initially moved to this area, I was encouraged by the presence of The Fishing School and felt it to be a necessary part of this community. However, upon visiting and further investigating The Fishing School, I found that this organization not only encouraged such behavior but was seemingly supportive of those who participated in such activity. It is unfortunate that this quaint little block has been taken over by nuisance tenants, many of whom happen to be members of Section 8. It has always been my belief that any organization of goodwill, such as The Fishing School, has a moral obligation to make the community better. Those of us who haven't been silenced by our neighbors who terrorize us daily are making efforts to make our community better. But the struggle has been a difficult one which now includes acquiring a law firm to assist us. Mr. Thomas Lewis and The Fishing School has not been apart nor supportive of our struggle. Therefore we beg you and the Board of Zoning Adjustment not to assist in making our efforts more difficult by allowing this organization to continue operating the way it has in the past. Please review copy of enclosed letter to The Honorable Attorney General John Ashcroft concerning Wylie Street.

Finally, the citizens of goodwill on Wylie Street thank you and the Board of Zoning Adjustment for making the right decision.

Sincerely

L. Jonnie Jackson

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May 7, 2001

The Honorable John Ashcroft
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Room 4400
950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC. 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General John Ashcroft:

Thank you for your unrelenting charge to eradicate crime and terrorism in the United States of America and the world abroad.

Please allow me to make you aware of the crime and terrorism which takes place in my neighborhood nightly. I am speaking of an area which is located on Capitol Hill; a few blocks west of the U.S. Capitol and our nation's Supreme Court. The area which I am referring to is the 1200 block of Wylie St. N.E., where nightly we are bombarded with gunshots, drug activity, street corner/sidewalk drinking parties and excessive, unbearable noise which begins between 10:00 and 11:00 p.m. and continues until 3:00 and 4:00 a.m. During these wild and unruly escapades, visitors bearing Virginia and Maryland license plates blast profane and obscene music over car radios causing the structure of homes to vibrate. Unsupervised children bounce basketballs and trigger car alarms for the sport of it. Vehicles are vandalized and litter is liberally discarded onto the streets as if it belongs there. Some of the law abiding citizens are so afraid until they refuse to enter in or out of their front doors. Still others have armed themselves as a means of protection. I have begged, pleaded, written letters, placed phone calls and exhausted my patience appealing to the local authorities to take action. And for whatever reason they are unwilling or unable to apply any serious effort toward ending this crisis. In short, in my neighborhood there is no law. And just this past week I was warned by one of the local police officers to "be careful". Thus, it has been my unrelenting efforts to reach resolution with local authorities which now brings me to the doorstep of the U.S. Department of Justice. Mr. Attorney General, I do not compose this letter as an exercise in futility. But I am pleading with you to respond with any suggestions you may have on how my neighborhood can receive the attention it has been denied for so long. In conclusion, I refuse to believe that I am now living in an America where those who breach the law have more rights, protection and respect than those who are law abiding. Thank you for your prompt attention to this crisis.

Sincerely,

L. Jonnie Jackson