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Rhode Island Avenue and 10th Street NW: This partially demolished corner property has been in disrepair for several years, residents of Shaw and Logan Circle say. It is a major part of the streetscape across from Shaw Junior High School.

"It tells kids that the city really doesn't care," says Sean Corcoran, an economics graduate student who lives in the 1500 block of Q Street. He thinks that occupied, well-kept properties discourage crime.

"Having a person or a family in that house would bring someone else who cares about that neighborhood, and will contribute to the tax base," he says. "It's just common sense: The more empty shells you have, the less caring people you have."

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