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Geoffrey H. Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
Room 210
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Lot 818, Square1236, 1324 27th Street, NW--- BZA Case NO. 16810

Dear Mr. Griffis,

My client, Mrs. Virginia B. Giese, who resides at Apartment 610, 4800 Fillmore Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22311, by this letter requests participation as a party in the above described proceeding and leave that I appear on her behalf. Attached is an authorization of representation from Mrs. Giese. Mr.Joyner, one of the petitioners in this matter, represented to me last evening that he would be amending his currently filed amendment to his application this week. In reliance on that representation, Mrs. Giese withholds any opinion on the application until it is possible to review the forthcoming amendment and hopefully what will be petitioners' final proposal for hearing. Mrs. Giese should be granted party status because she is the owner of 1322 27th Street, NW, which abuts and shares a common wall with the subject property. Due to the proximity of Mrs. Giese's property, depending upon how the petitioners' promised, newly reconfigured application appears and how this Board acts on such reconfigured application, Mrs. Giese could suffer great environmental, economic, and social impact to her property.

Mrs. Giese, 93 years old and a widow, attended Western High School (now Duke Ellington School of the Arts) and the George Washington University. She and her husband purchased and settled into 1322 27th Street in the mid 1940's. Residing in the District at another location until entering a retirement home a few years ago, she has held on to the small house that her growing family quickly outgrew for more than 50 years. Her sons, who reside in the District, have been tenants in the house over the years and she hopes that in the future, her grandchildren will be also. The current tenant is Rita Henninger, a fulltime Deacon at Christ Church Georgetown.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Giese

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