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

Re: Application #16836, The Washington Home

To Whom It May Concern:

By now, this case and this issue must be pressing on your last nerve. We don't know how many of these cases you hear each year and worse yet, how many that are as contentious and wrought with self-serving and misleading data from the applicants. We owe you, first, an apology.

When we first joined our neighbors to get a reasonable compromise from a less than cooperative institutional neighbor, you appeared disinterested (but the chain was and remains quite refreshing amongst the appearance of satirism). Now, several months later, we think some committee members' bias toward Mr. Keys are beginning to take shape and make sense.

Yet, with applications like The Washington Home ("TWH") (aka Application #16836) time after time, even an eternal optimist can get a bit jaded. So forgive our early insensitivity to the task before you. Now, hopefully, our final words on this applicant's petition.

TWH for the incurable has indeed a most noble mission. However, every noble mission does not necessarily have like-minded leadership. Somewhere along the way (1985, 1992, or 2002) TWH's leadership lost their way.

Our neighbors well before our arrival to the District (1995), compromised in 1985 and again in 1992. Only to be betrayed in 2002 on the earlier agreed upon discussions. This case and many like it, we suppose, herald the institutional creep on neighborhoods, virtually without restraint.

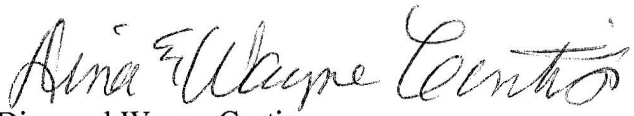
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Is this the appropriate legacy for the homeowners who have stuck it out while more and more property is taken oft the tax knolls by non-profit institutional creep? And what about all of those transportation plans the District has invested in? Or the new buses and other mass transit items? Should not TWH avail themselves of these valued resources?

We wish you well in your deliberations. We wish too that our children's safety and those of all of our children in our neighborhood will not be carelessly traded off by encouraging more cars on streets already well over capacity.

Sincerely,



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