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DC Board of Zoning Adjustment
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RE: BZA Case No. 16836
Application of the Washington Home to Expand

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to state my strong opposition to expansion of the Washington Home's parking because of the certain increase in traffic on our neighborhood streets, and also because of the profound impact of the proposed massive parking lot on the views from my house -- in fact, from all the houses on the north side of Upton Street.

At the last hearing before the board, I provided an exhibit (Section through Upton Street and my home) which showed clearly how exposed the lot is to my view. I am faxing with this letter another photograph from my office window showing how much more the parking is in my view now that the leaves are off the trees. And this is our view for six months of the year. Any expansion would be devastating.

Further, the planting island in the middle of the present lot, with its large mature trees, does a very effective job of breaking the impact of the lot on our view. Under the Home's proposed plan, this island would be eliminated. This would be an affront to the agreement made between the neighbors and the Home in 1985. I am also faxing a photograph of the trees in this island.

Should the Board allow any expansion, which I strongly oppose, any expansion should be limited to expansion toward the west or the south-- in other words, toward the Home's building and not toward Upton or 17th Street.

Thank you for consideration of these views.

Sincerely,

Joseph Handwerger

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EXHIBIT NO.109



View of existing trees in planting island.



View of existing parking
taken Nov. 26, '02