September 25, 2002

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Dear Ms. Kress:

This letter is to inform you of the community meetings held with Mr. Endale Terefa regarding his application for a "special exception to allow a change of nonconforming use from retail grocery to retail grocery and deli (no seats) under 2003, in an R-4 District for **Bless 7 to 9, Inc., 434 Shepherd Street, N.W. Washington, D.C., 20011 (Application Number 16880).**

During the last BZA hearing on **June 11, 2002,** we informed the Board that the community would make a final attempt to discuss our warranted concerns involving Mr. Terefa's business. The community empathized the notion that Mr. Terefa was not aware of the hearing and made a final attempt to negotiate with him in a private and informal setting. On **June 18, 2002,** ANC Commissioner Timothy Jones and Mr. Ron Austin, Constituent Services, met to further discuss the concern of excessive vehicular traffic, littering, loitering and crime. The meeting was unsuccessful. A second meeting on **June 24, 2002,** also concluded unsuccessfully. On both occasions, Mr. Terefa explained that he did not see anything wrong with the conditions of his store and did not relate to any of our concerns. Please note that the community held a meeting with Mr. Terefa on **February 25, 2001**, whereas Mr. Terefa assured us that he would make some changes. Unfortunately, Mr. Terefa made no changes.

It is our sincere belief that Mr. Terefa has not come to any of the aforementioned community meetings to resolve some of the community's concerns. As of June 2002, the environment is unchanged. Thus, the Residents of Randolph would like to hold its initial position of opposing the deli license.

Sincerely,

Kiesha Miller
Residents of Randolph

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