609 E Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

Re: BZA Application No. 16893
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Washington, DC 20003

June 3, 2002

Dear Sir or Madam:

As a long-time next-door neighbor to Carol B. Stapp, Ph.D. and William F.Stapp, I was delighted to learn of their proposed renovation to 611 E Street, SE. When I saw the plans and elevations, I was even more pleased that the improvements in living standard that they will attain will also benefit my quality of life at 609 E. The two-story addition has been designed to maximize the light and air available to both domiciles, while beautifying the view from my windows and my rear garden. I regard both the renovation of the additions to the original 1840s structure and the upgrading of the garage to be important improvements that add value to my adjacent property.

It is clear from the plans and elevations that great care has been exercised to protect the neighbors to both the west and the east. The footprint required to obtain the basic necessities of middle-class housing some 160 years after the construction of what were working-class quarters in their own day has been kept to a minimum. Due to the site of the garage in relation to my house and rear garden, the solution the Stapps are proposing to the dilemma of extremely limited storage inside their house will not represent a hardship for me. I also most definitely applaud their securing of off-street parking as a gift to those of us without that option.

Moreover, the facades of 609 and 611 E will continue to be in harmony, thereby maintaining the historical integrity of the streetscape. I understand that the porch will be repaired and repainted, along with the rest of the northern elevation, in keeping with the appearance of dwellings on Capitol Hill that contribute to its charm. In sum, then, I support Carol and Will Stapp in their efforts to improve their home, because I view their proposed improvements as sensitive and tasteful, respecting both their immediate neighbors and the neighborhood as a whole. Please grant them the approvals that will let the renovation of 611 E Street, SE, begin.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Carr Stallworth

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cc: Carol and Will Stapp
Nicola Hain, AIA

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