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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

In 2001, we approached our adjacent neighbors, Carol B. Stapp, Ph.D. and William F. Stapp, in conjunction with our plans to renovate our newly-purchased home at 613 E Street, SE. We needed to rebuild the two-story party wall that we share with their house at 611 E Street. Carol and Will were receptive to our overture, since cooperating was mutually beneficial. Indeed, our renovation prompted their undertaking the long-delayed renovations to 611 E that they had been envisioning since they bought their home in 1980.

Just as they had whole-heartedly supported the improvements to our house, we look forward to the considerable improvements in their house. Since 611 E is a much smaller home than ours, today's norms for comfortable living, along with the need for service areas and a modicum of storage, have required very careful allocation of its interior space. The resulting compact exterior successfully retains the original scale of 611 E in relation to our exterior, neither affecting the air and light available to our property nor intruding on our domestic privacy.

We see their renovation as compatible with the quality and appearance of ours. In particular, we approve of the remodeling of the garage at 611 E, which will provide a stylish prospect from our overlooking windows and our rear garden. Our neighbors will gain the full use of their garage, thus increasing on-street parking for other residents on E Street, while maintaining the storage space that their small house necessitates. It seems to us that the proposed Stapp renovation represents a win-win-win situation for Carol and Will, for us, and for the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Susan Davis

The Honorable Susan Davis

Steven Davis, M.D

Cc: Carol B. and William F. Stapp
Nichola Hain, AIA

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