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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW; Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Letter in Opposition to Application # 16924 at 1701 Kalorama Road, NW

Dear Chairman Griffis and other members of the BZA:

I am writing to urge the BZA to oppose the project at 1701 Kalorama Road, NW (application # 16924). The proposed project is too tall for the neighborhood and will have a significant adverse impact on our neighborhood's walkability, traffic, parking and overall quality of life.

As a resident of this neighborhood, I am quite concerned that the 1701 Kalorama Road project, as currently proposed, would adversely impact the community. The Reed-Cooke Overlay of the zoning code, adopted in the early 1990s after significant community input and support, was developed as a vision for future development in the neighborhood. It sought to balance commercial enterprises and residential development in order to preserve and maintain the historic characteristics of our neighborhood. It further imposed height and density restrictions in order to plan and manage the neighborhood's growth.

The 1701 Kalorama Road project seeks to ignore those precedents and vision. While it would add housing to the neighborhood, it would do so at the expense of the height and density restrictions that are equally important in the overlay.

I am not opposed to redevelopment at 1701 Kalorama Road, NW. However, this development, as proposed, would harm our neighborhood and detract from its character, and I therefore ask you to respect the wishes of the community and reject this application.

Sincerely,

Susheela Varky

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