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Goeffrey Griffis, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW
Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Case No. 16971 – Application of Harry L. Belin for Special Exemption to Allow Use of Existing Residential Buildings by a Non-Profit Organization

Dear Mr. Griffis:

I am writing to oppose the application of Harry L. Belin for a special exemption for his residence, Evermay, located at 1623 28th Street, NW, in Ward 2. Mr. Belin seeks to use a portion of his residence for not-profit organizations and to pay for this by turning his residence into a profit-making party and event venue. In his submission to ANC 2E on Tuesday, January 7, 2003, he budgets annually 97 profit-making events at his residence. This is an inappropriate use of a residence.

Evermay is situated in a quiet residential neighborhood. Mr. Belin's immediate neighbors on R Street, adjacent to his property, appeared at the ANC 2E meeting to oppose his application. I understand that among the reasons they cited for their opposition is the fact that Mr. Belin has unlawfully used his residence as a profit-making party and event venue over the years, generating disturbing noise and creating a parking nightmare for the neighbors.

ANC 2E voted unanimously (7-0) to oppose Mr. Belin's application. I, too, would like to be placed on the record as opposing this application. I urge you to seriously consider the desires of the neighbors and oppose Mr. Belin's application.

Sincerely,

Jack Evans
Councilmember Ward 2

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