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Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Re: BZA Application No. 16974

Dear Sir and/or Madam:

We live directly across the street from Tudor Place Historic House and Garden. I am writing in strong support of its application to continue its special exception to operate as a museum. It is an ideal neighbor. Georgetown is a better place for it.

My experience with the current Tudor Place staff has been overwhelmingly positive. I have found them to be highly professional and sensitive to community concerns, and their numerous educational programs made available to the public demonstrate their strong commitment to preserving the historic legacy of the Peter family and educating the public about the historic value of Tudor Place.

I appreciate having an historic site of such importance at my doorstep. Its 5 ½ acres of gardens and lawn provide Georgetown with much needed green space, and its expansive street frontage enhances the accessibility of parking in the neighborhood much of the time. Beyond the value of such physical attributes, it also serves the people in the community through its programs.

I have reviewed the special exception application that was shared with the neighbors twice prior to its submission. Changes to the proposed restrictions on operation were made according to the wishes of certain neighbors. I have not been disturbed by its operation in the past, and I believe that the restrictions on operation that are currently being proposed are more than adequate to ensure that Tudor Place's operation as a museum continues to have no adverse impact on the surrounding residential neighborhood Moreover, I believe that its value as a testament to the history of Georgetown strongly supports the necessity of it continuing to operate under its special exception.

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Thank you for your consideration of this letter of support.

Sincerely,

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