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I am pleased to appear here today to briefly discuss the importance of Tudor Place (TP) in our neighborhood and how much its presence has meant to me, and to our family. Until ~~five~~ 12 days ago, we lived at 1644 Avon Pl. NW, just around the corner from TP. for 7 years Our recent move to 30th St. NW, I assure you, had nothing to do with the issues before the Board today. In fact, our 5 children, 2 dogs, basketball court and trampoline, no doubt, were far more disturbing to the neighborhood than events at TP could ever be.

Our family's feeling about TP is totally positive. It has provided us with a sense of history in our neighborhood, and an important sense of participating in critical preservation and education. We have attended many events at TP, from history, architecture and gardening lectures and exhibits, to candlelight Christmas tours, fall "~~family days~~" and the annual garden parties. With the exception of the latter, these events have been small affairs in terms of attendance. Yes, we have been present at events with musical entertainment and have, from time to time, heard music emanating from the TP grounds. But never has it been loud or offensive. Rather, the sound of bagpipes or violins on a summer night is the perfect accompaniment to the beautiful surroundings of TP.

I sincerely hope that nothing is done that in any way would diminish what TP currently offers or could potentially provide as a museum, a cultural institution, a historic site and a neighborhood treasure for all to enjoy. My family and I oppose placing any new and/or unreasonable restrictions on what can take place there, and we applaud and encourage Leslie Buhler and her wonderful staff in their dedicated and creative efforts to share the history and beauty of Tudor Place with the neighborhood of Georgetown ... and the world!

Thank you.

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