Statement by Arnold Sagalyn, 1248 30th Street
Re:BZA Case 16974-Tudor Place

My name is Arnold Sagalyn. I and my wife, Louise, have lived in Georgetown at 1248 30th Street for nearly 20 years, and are long-time members of the Georgetown Citizens Advisory Board . During many of these years I was Chairman of the Crime & Public Safety Committee of the Georgetown Citizens Association,and also served a Ist Vice President and a director of the Association.

My wife and I feel deeply that Tudor Place is a unique historical inheritance. That it is not only a a national treasure, but a priceless Georgetown treasure as well that is shared generouslywith and enjoyed by community residents. We strongly support its application for a Special Exemption. We believe those parties who seek to impose unreasonable and unnecessary restrictions on its activities do not represent the vast majority of Georgetown residents.

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When we moved to Georgetown nearly 20 years ago, we were attracted by its distinctive ambiance as a neighborhood and an historic district. And the parks and accessible gardens and buildings of historic estates like Dumbarton Oaks and Tudor Place had and continue to provide a enriching community cultural resource . But like most residents, we also knew along with its many advantages, Georgetown had some drawbacks.

Georgetown's mix of commercial and entertainment, tourist and university in a residential community have made traffic, parking and noise problems unescapable. But most residents appreciate these irritations come with the territory. And over the years , working together with District officials and the proprietors of offending establishments and institutions, our citizens association has managed to ameliorate significantly the worst offenses & problems.

That has been true of the relatively few and minor disagreements Georgetown residents have experienced with the management of Tudor Place.-

There is always a small group of individuals in every community who want to impose their personal view or claim to represent those of the community. Georgetown is no exception. My wife and I know Tudor Place has been a very good and greatly valued neighbor, as the enthusiastic support of Georgetown's Advisory Neighborhood Commission for its application for a Special Exemption attests We believe Tudor Place's application as presented to you by Leslie Buhler merits this board's approval.

It is unfortunate that the letter with provisos presented to you by Barbara Zartman of the Citizens Association of Georgetown (CAG) was not presented to CAG's membership for its approval, as required by its by-laws. I am confident the membership will vote its f**ull,unequival support** for Tudor Place's application at it's next meeting.