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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Chairperson, Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Govt. of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, N.W. (Suite 210S)
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Dear Mr. Griffis:

RE: Appeal #16984, 925 25th Street, N.W.
The River Inn

In advance of a public hearing to be scheduled in March, I am compelled to write in support of ANC-2A's appeal of Permit #B47779 granted by the Zoning Office. I am the owner of a residential property directly impacted by The River Inn's commercial existence, being located at the rear of the hotel and therefore subject to the traffic and noise generated by its service trucks and guest/employee parking.

The record is already documented with the basis of the ANC's appeal -- an absolute, clear, unambiguous violation of 11DCMR, Sections 350.4(d) and 351.2(a), (b) and (c). Was the zoning officer who granted Permit #B47779 even **aware** of the regulations? One can only wonder at his/her rationale.

The owner of The River Inn -- having been rebuffed a few short months ago in his attempt to establish an **outdoor** cafe -- now is seeking a different avenue to increase the commercial impact of his property into our historic residential neighborhood. It cannot be allowed. Why is life so difficult for Foggy Bottom?

I request that you and the other Board members support the ANC's appeal and vote "with" the community.

Sincerely,

Linda Frees

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cc: Councilmember Phil Mendelson

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