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Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA
Director, Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210-S
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: BZA Application # 16989

Dear Ms. Kress:

The letter is offered to contest BZA Application # 16989 to establish a business at 714 10th Street, NE. Having bought 706 Tenth Street, NE as a new unit in Lincoln Mews-East and living there for nearly a decade, I am very familiar with the culture of this block and its surrounding community. I purchased this property with the understanding that it was zoned for residential use.

The homes in this block are already significantly impacted in value by their proximity to the H Street, NE business district. Homes situated in blocks moving from H Street and towards Maryland and East Capitol Streets enjoy greater values. Further, this block is directly impacted by the House of Ruth shelter that is situated on 10th and G Streets, NE. While the new Sherwood Recreation Center is a constructive project it is located directly across the street from the Lincoln Mews driveway. No doubt it too will add to the traffic congestion, trash and noise that all too often plagues the area.

We do not need a business of any type in the 700 block of 10th Street, NE. While this situation is unfortunate for the buyers of the 714 10th Street, NE, this neighborhood ought not be penalized with the addition of their business.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Dilworth

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