***2029 Connecticut Avenue Condominium***
***Unit Owners Association***
***2029 Connecticut Avenue NW***
***Washington, D.C. 20008***

July 28, 2003

Chairman Geoffrey Griffis
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, Suite 210 South
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Case No. 17044

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the unit owners, the Board of Directors of the 2029 Connecticut Avenue Condominium Unit Owners Association respectfully petitions the Board of Zoning Adjustment not to approve the application for a zoning variance to permit the conversion of a home at 2005 Columbia Road, NW to a facility for transient accommodations

Our Condominium has supported past efforts to prevent commercialization of residential properties in residential zones. We are deeply concerned that this present case would not only bring parking and other problems to the block which we share but also would set a very bad precedent for commercialization in our residential neighborhood. We understand that the purchasers of the home in question have made a speculative decision to convert the property to a use that is not allowed and thus the issue is not one of hardship for the property owner.

We note that the Oakland Condominium at 2006 Columbia Road, NW also opposes this conversion and we support their petition to that effect.

Thank you for considering our deep concerns and our request that the Board not approve this conversion.

Sincerely,

For the Board of Directors

John P. Irelan
Vice President

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