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Government of the District of Columbia
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application Number 17071

To Whom It May Concern:

This regards the application pertaining to 1312 13th Street, NW (Square 243, Lot 12). I live down the block from this property. It is the last slum on the block. It is a blight on the neighborhood.

I have never seen anyone using it as a laundry as indicated in the September 9, 2003 letter I received. As far as I've been able to observe, the basement looks to be some type of warehouse. If the District hasn't done so already, it may want to send the fire department in to determine if it is a safety hazard to the neighborhood and should be condemned.

I oppose doing anything with the property other than turning it into residences -- after either tearing it down and building new or totally rehabbing it (if the proper experts determine it to be worth saving). If the current owners won't do that, the District should consider seizing it under eminent domain and selling it to someone who will fix it up for a conforming purpose.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Very truly yours,

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