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D. Wilson, Deputy Administrator Building and Land Regulation Administration  
Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs  
941 North Capitol Street NW  
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Mr. Wilson,

This letter is to request your assistance in getting answers to questions we have regarding a building permit issued and approved at 2357 Ashmead Place NW. We have had NO RESPONSE to inquiries we made in a letter we delivered to Mr. Denzel Noble's office on Nov 3, 2003 (with copies to Mr's Barrow, Paul & Agraponte). Subsequent phone calls have not been returned, except for one from Mr. Barrow who indicated that he was unable to respond. A referreaL to a Ms Courtney Mitchell was supposed to have triggered a followup, but did not. Phone calls to DCRA have proved to be wasted effort.

We are concerned that despite our many efforts to secure information from DCRA since November we have had no response. We are especially disturbed that DCRA appears to have no effective procedures for receiving and answering questions raised by residents who are affected by proposed construction activities. We have been residents for more than 40 years and are upset that DCRA has ignored our inquiries.

To find out what the new owner of the adjacent house was proposing we had to purchase the approved plans. But the approved plans are not "final". DCRA appears to have no file of approved plans which are "final". The file contains a "Corrections to be Made" list; architectural drawings with errors and confusing instruction. Not even DCRA officials could understand them. We still do not know what work is proposed...

With respect to the planned construction activities at 2357 Ashmead we would particularly would like like to know how any proposed construction will affect (1) the party wall that is shared by 2357 and 2359 ashmead place?  
2) how it will affect or block the air, the light and the views now available to the existing open air porch at the 3rd floor level 2359 Ashmead?

Attached is our letter of November 3, 2003, which has remained unanswered.

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Case No. 17109  
Exhibit No. 54

Board of Zoning Adjustment  
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