Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA
Director,
Board of Zoning Adjustment
Government of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Case #17142

March 11, 2004

Dear Ms. Kress:

I am writing in support of the application of Joseph F. and Sandra L. Reid for a special exception to allow an accessory garage addition to an existing single family row dwelling at 639 A Street, NE.

My wife and I own 636 East Capitol Street which backs into the alley on which Mr. and Mrs. Reid wish to build a garage. Our house is but one house removed from backing directly into the Reid's lot.

Allowing Mr. and Mrs. Reid to build a garage will improve the security of the entire block by creating a complete barrier to intruders on the North side of the alley by filling in the hole that the Reid's lack of a garage currently creates. A garage on their property will also improve the way the alley looks. For these reasons we support the granting of a variance to the Reids for this purpose.

We respectfully request that you approve this application. If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202 543-7482.

Sincerely,

David S. Abernethy

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