13 Logan Circle NW
Washington, DC 20005
April 24, 2004

Mr. Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA
Director, Office of Zoning
441 4th Street NW
Wshignton, DC 20001

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Dear Director Kress:

I am writing to express my deep concern about the application of Kenneth and Susan Rosenau, pursuant to 11 DCMR 3104.1, for an exception to allow a home occupation (law office) on the first and second story of a flat in the R-5-B District at the premises 1304 Rhode Island Avenue, NW (Square 242, Lot 65).

I moved to Logan Circle and renovated # 8, Logan Circle NW in 1976; renovated 1301 Rhode Island Avenue NW in 1985; and renovated # 13 Logan Circle in 1992, which is my permanent home. I spent many hours renovating these three residences, in large measure through my own labor and considerable expenditure, and continue to own them. I found Logan Circle a magnificent gem of Washington with the stately, historic homes, free of commercial or other businesses.

As others who pioneered the restoration of Logan Circle thirty years ago, we spent our sweat and money in the belief that the historic designation would protect our labors. This faith should not now be betrayed.

Permission for the exception requested would only be the first in what would inevitably be a succession of requests for exceptions based on this precedent. The whole character of the Circle would steadily erode and quickly lose it extraordinary residential charm and become no different from many other circles and streets in Washington that have been invaded by business and professional operations.

The historic designation of Logan Circle should not be undermined for narrow commercial and professional interests. There are myriad other locations where this office can be situated. The destruction of this Circle's historic residential character and use will forever be lost.

I implore you to deny this degradation of this famous Circle and my home.

Sincerely,

Laurence Desaix Anderson

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