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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
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RE: Opposition to Application in Case No. 17154

Dear Mr. Griffis:

I am a resident in the Foggy Bottom Historic District, a homeowner and resident who would be directly affected by any construction on the Hughes Mews alley lot as proposed in this application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

This property was purchased with the existing lot size requirement in place and poses no hardship upon the current owner, Mr. Bruno Freschi. The lot size requirement was passed in 1994 for the purpose of preserving a slight amount of openness to the area. A variance of this magnitude would completely defeat this goal.

The Foggy Bottom Overlay District regulations are as legally binding as all other zoning regulations. It is my understanding from reading the Overlay District regulations state that when a conflict exists between the overlay regulations and underlying zoning requirements, the stricter shall apply.

There is no valid reason to grant these multiple variances and I respectfully ask that they be denied.

Sincerely,

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