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Washington, DC 20003

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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to offer our strong support for the request of our next-door neighbors at 707 East Capitol St., SE, Sam and Shannon Daley-Harris. The Daley-Harris's family is seeking a special exception for the proposed construction of a two-story rear addition and back porch to replace the existing rear room.

We have reviewed their plans and believe they will be a substantial improvement to the property and neighborhood. The existing back of their house is poorly constructed and, frankly, a ramshackle eyesore, and we know they are eager to replace it. They are using the same architect, Don E. Lipscomb, who designed the rear renovation to our own home three years ago. We know that the Daley-Harris' addition will be aesthetically pleasing, appropriate for this historic neighborhood, and a great improvement.

Sam and Shannon have graciously endured months up months of construction on both sides of their property; our construction at 705 East Capitol lasted for seven months and their neighbors on the other side at 709 East Capitol had a year's worth of construction work done on their home before they occupied it. After Sam and Shannon's support and tolerance of the disruption, we are glad to offer our support, and look forward to this latest improvement to our block and city.

Sincerely,

Robert Hall and Bobby Thigpen

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