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Re: BZA application # 17251

Dear Zoning Board:

We are writing to voice our strong opposition to an expansion at 3715 Albemarle St. NW. The owners of that house want to build an addition 12 feet out from their original house, which would significantly impact us as our property is directly behind theirs. There is no alley between us, and the expanded house greatly encroaches on our privacy and personal space.

Although we have bushes and trees that help block us from seeing the house on Albemarle during the spring and summer months, when the leaves are gone the unrestricted view allows us to see (already, since they have begun construction) how a completed addition will have a great impact on our privacy. Our trees are also very mature and in the near term we need to remove and possibly replace them. This process could eliminate any current visual barrier to the house on Albemarle.

We bought our house early this year in part because of the privacy given the great distance between houses on the adjoining street. We often spend time outside in our back yard, and eat on our deck or screened-in porch, and an expansion that comes so close to our property line compromises our privacy and exposes us to additional noise.

The expansion will also negatively affect our property values. For example, the house next door to us is identical in size and lot. But the reduced distance to our rear neighbor is clearly a less desirable factor of our house in comparison.

For the many reasons stated above, we strongly object to the board granting special permission for the owners of the house at 3715 Albemarle to expand beyond normal limits.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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