407 E Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20002
August 16, 2004

Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs
Attn: H. Myers, Building Inspector
941 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Suite 2000
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Mr. Myers:

I am writing to thank you for taking the time to meet with us on Friday, August 13, 2004, in an attempt to resolve the issues that my neighbor has raised concerning our current and prior renovations. Your professionalism was truly appreciated and should go a long way towards bringing this matter to a speedy and mutually satisfying resolution.

As we noted today, we are willing to take whatever steps are necessary to verify that any work we have done, or are currently doing, has not adversely affected our neighbors. In that vain, we have voluntarily agreed to dig up a portion of our backyard at our own expense and submit to an official plumbing inspection. It is my understanding that this will occur later this week. Please coordinate the inspection with my contractor, Thomas Gannon, who may be reached at (703) 573-6797 or (703) 975-7299.

As Mr. Fejad noted at our meeting, he was responsible for constructing the patio that is currently blocking the water from naturally draining from my property. It is my understanding that this patio violates building code requirements for drainage (C.A.B.O. § 401.3) and ventilation (C.A.B.O. § 409.1). Apart from the property damage that could result from this blockage, such a situation could potentially present health and safety issues (*e.g.*, by providing mosquitoes a breeding ground). Accordingly, regardless of what remedial measures, if any, must be taken as a result of our plumbing inspection, we believe it will be necessary to address my Mr. Fejad's patio which currently blocks water from flowing off my lot.

Should you have any further questions, feel free to contact me at (202) 368-0771 or (202) 383-5169. You may also direct any inquiries to my contractor, Thomas Gannon, who may be reached at (703) 573-6797 or (703) 975-7299.

Warmest Regards,

Michael L. Murphy

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