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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street NW, Room 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 17264, Square 812, Lot 42, presented by property owner Michael Murphy, 407 E Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Mr. Griffis:

As the commissioner representing the Single Member District, ANC 6C08, in which this residence is located, I am writing to express my concern. If this deck is allowed to stand, the neighbor at 405 E Street N.E. will be denied light, air, and privacy.

The owner of 405 E Street, Mr. Nasser Nejad, has called me on several occasions to complain that without light and air, the wood cabinets in his kitchen are rotting and there is a damp smell in his house. He reports that cannot use the first and second floor windows on the side bordering 407 E and must keep them covered because he has no privacy due to the 407 E Street deck adjacent to his home.

Mr. Nejad states that he did not live in his home at 405 E for several years after purchasing it, so likely was not aware of the situation until he moved in, and then he worked long hours for a time and still was not fully aware of the adverse affects on his residence until his hours changed. I do not know if the dampness and mold conditions he describes have or could affect his health of that of his family.

When you consider the deck application for 407 E, I ask that you give the residents of 405 E every consideration and that they not be denied the rights that all other residents have in our neighborhood to light, air, and privacy. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

Karen J. Wirt

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ANC 6C08 commissioner

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