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P.O. Box 40846 Palisades Station
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Attention: Alma Gates, Chair

Re: BZA Appeal No. 17285 (4825 Dexter Terrace, N.W.)

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please be advised that we oppose the appeal in the above-described case brought by Patrick Carome. The basis of the appeal is that the retaining wall in the rear of the property violates the zoning regulations as to rear yard and side yard back requirements and floor area and lot occupancy. These regulations of course apply to single family residences and not to retaining walls.

The appeal in reality is based upon Mr. Carome's subjective opinion that the retaining wall is an eye soar and distorts his view of parkland. This is not ground for an appeal. It is our understanding that the wall will be covered in ivy and blend in with the natural landscape in the next 1 to 2 years.

Finally, there are many rear yard walls taller and bigger in the Foxhall Road area than on the subject property. Under Mr. Carome's logic, all of these are illegal under zoning and would have to be torn down, which would lead to an absurd result.

Please vote against this appeal.

Sincerely,

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