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Re: BZA Appeal #17285 (4825 Dexter Terrace, NW)

Dear Members of the Board:

I write to oppose the above-referenced appeal regarding the retaining wall in the back yard of 4825 Dexter Terrace, NW. It is my understanding that this wall was built with a permit granted by the DC government and that zoning regulations allow retaining walls. Indeed, there are numerous retaining walls (including several constructed during the past few years) throughout this hilly area.

A number of months ago Mr. Economides mentioned to me his intention to screen completely the rear side of the wall with plantings — an indication of his concern for preserving the park views of others. It is deeply troubling to read newspaper articles which tend to imply a lack of sensitivity and concern for the neighborhood. This clearly is not the case.

Recent years have brought many changes to the vistas from houses in our proximity. An appeal against a wall built in compliance with regulations seems unwarranted and grossly unfair.

The Economides family has always been excellent neighbors. In the forty years I have lived on Dexter Terrace, none have been more pleasant, considerate and caring for the well-being and safety of those who reside nearby.

I look forward to welcoming them back to their new home on the street and sincerely hope that the unfortunate controversy over the wall will be resolved in their favor by a just vote against the appeal.

Very truly yours,

L. J. R. Han

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