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Re.: BZA Appeal No. 17285 (4825 Dexter Terrace, N.W., Washington, DC 20007)

Gentlemen,

I am the owner and resident at 4816 Dexter Terrace, directly opposite 4825 Dexter Terrace.

Please be advised that I 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 an illegal wall not in accordance with setback and height restrictions applicable to buildings.

The appeal is in reality based on Mr. Carome's subjective opinion of the wall as an affront to his aesthetic sense. In effect, Mr. Carome wants to keep a view of Mr. Economides' untamed landscape as if it were a part of the park. Retaining walls are part of normal and usual landscaping and are permitted. I have personally inspected the wall and cannot agree with Mr. Carome. The wall serves a useful purpose and is environmentally neutral.

I understand there are many rear yard retaining walls in the Foxhall Road area. Under Mr. Carome's logic, all of these are illegal under zoning and would have to be torn down, a result no one would wish.

I am outraged at the harassment to which my neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Economides, have been personally subjected and the distress this vendetta has caused us, the neighbors, who have had to live with the disruption caused to our street. The

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Please vote against this appeal.

Sincerely,


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