APPEAL TO CASE # 17299
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

Board of Zoning Adjustment FEBRUARY 15, 2005
Case # 17299 (Square 2368 Lot 813)

We are opposed to Joseph and Elizabeth Finnengan's request to put a cement pad , cement skirt, and a two car garage near our shared property line. in the rear yard of a single-family detached dwelling under special second section 223, not meeting the rear yard (section 404) requirements in the R-1-A District Board of Zoning.

Our opposition to this is based on the following:

1. Visually it obstructs our view of the nicely manicured yards of the neighborhood.
2. Nothing else along that entire stretch of rear yards from Oregon Avenue to 31st Street, between Daniel Lane and Dogwood Street that entire stretch of backyards does not have any garage or structure within the required rear yard setback. (Square 2368)
3. They have already created a drainage problem.Causing all the water that drains from the properties above our house at 3018 Daniel Lane Washington D.C. 20015 (square 2368 Lot 812) to drain through our rear and side yard. Because they constructed a driveway and their back yard is higher then the existing grade, they have been blocking all the water from draining naturally, causing a large ponding area in our yard during rains.
4. The economic factor. To be outlined..

An addition of the proposed concrete driveway, skirt, and two car garage will make the draining problem even worse. The drain they propose will not alleviate the problem. Because of this situation we have been forced to install a sump pump,which is electric in our yard to keep the water from backing into our basement. When the electric quits we pond about 1200 to 1500 gallons of water.

We urge all parties to take due notice, and please respond to BZA by 21 days before the hearing date on Tuesday April 5, 2005 at BZA.

Sincerely,
Ralph Block - Sylvia M. Block

Date February 15, 2005

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