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Ms. Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA Director Board of Zoning
Office of Zoning
441 4th Street NW Rm. 210 South
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Re: Application # 17309

Dear Ms. Kress:

Enclosed is a copy of the testimony I was prepared to deliver on Tuesday, April 26, 2005. As you know the hearing was postponed.

Sincerely,



Richard England

Cc: Alan Aiches, Bill Barnard, June Hechinger, Judith Lanius,
Spence Spencer, Robert Sussman, Arthur Watson

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to Ms. Jeany Kress - Director, BZA

TESTIMONY OF RICHARD ENGLAND

HEARING OF BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT - April 26, 2005

APPLICATION # 17309

meeting postponed
til summer, at

request of
Mr. Bender

My name is Richard England. I have lived at 2832

Chain Bridge Road for the last 54 years. My home is less than 100 yards up the hill from the property formerly owned by H. Gabriel Murphy.

Chain Bridge Road is a very narrow, winding road.

The section of the road, which abuts the Murphy property, is a sharp, blind curve. For the safety of pedestrians and motorists, vehicle-parking should not be permitted on that stretch of the road, at any time. Parking on either side would impede access for emergency vehicles – fire trucks, ambulances, and police cars. Even with no vehicles parked along the side of the road, cars driving in opposite directions, passing each other, must drive with extreme caution.

Mr. Bender's plan is to erect 13 houses on the former Murphy property, with no provision for off-street parking for

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visitors and tradesmen. Homeowners along Chain Bridge Road are experienced with the effects of haphazard roadside parking. There is an entrance to Battery Kemble Park on Chain Bridge Road. People come to the Park for recreational reasons, such as snow-sledding in winter. They park their cars along both sides of road, which creates a dangerous situation.

If Mr. Bender were to reduce the number of houses he proposes to 4 or 5, there would be ample room for safe parking, as well as such amenities as a swimming pool and a tennis court. If he were to revise his plans downward, instead of having his neighbors opposing his project, he would have their support.

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