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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW, Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001
Attn: Jerrily R. Kress, Director
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Re: Application #17319
Square 153, Lot 104
Rear Additions to premises at 1723 Riggs Place, NW

Dear Director Kress:

We are writing to express our opposition to the proposed zoning variances which are sought in conjunction with the residential property located at 1723 Riggs Place, NW. We own and live in a carriage house located at 1749 Rear 18th Street; our front door is in the alley between Riggs Place and S Streets -- this is the same alley which is home to all ten of the row houses of Riggs Place. Specifically, the front of our carriage house, including our front door, is three lots/row houses down from the back portion of 1723 Riggs Place, NW, the area immediately affected by the proposed zoning variances.

The ten row houses on Riggs Place are architecturally unique; we believe the proposed zoning variances and the changes they would allow, run counter to the historical design of the row houses on Riggs Place. All ten of the row houses were conceived and built by Thomas Franklin Schneider, in the years 1893 to 1894. The row houses share the same design, a design that has withstood the numerous changes wrought by the past 111 years. We cannot stand by as the design on one of the ten row houses is altered. The ten row houses, and the unique design they share, help make Riggs Place an historical, architectural landmark in Washington, DC.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Sasha Carter and David Leventry

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