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Jerrily R.Kress, FAIA
Director
Board of Zoning Adjustment
Government of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application for Special Exception Number 17327

Dear Ms. Kress:

We are writing to you as long-time residents and property owners in the District of Columbia and neighbors of the property at 1812 35th Street, NW which has applied for a special zoning exception for lot occupancy and side yard requirements.

- We question the ability of the owners of this property to obtain building permits prior to applying for appropriate zoning exceptions. If the property owners claim they were not aware of the zoning requirements, this should not be considered an excuse any more than anyone else claiming ignorance of the DC laws.
- If the property owners have been allowed to construct the house addition by approval of the building permits, as they have, without the necessary zoning approvals, then the precedent would be set for others to have this option.
- If the construction permits were issued mistakenly by the DC Government without the necessary zoning approvals, the DC Government should not compound this mistake by approving the zoning exception.
- If the actual construction is at variance with the plans reviewed for the construction permits, this would represent a further violation.

We are therefore requesting that:

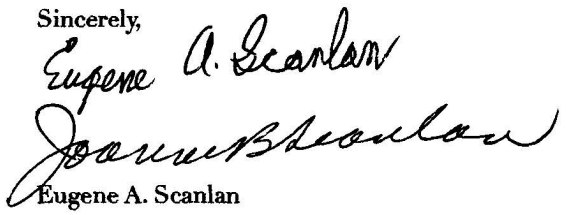
1. a stop work order be issued immediately until this issue is resolved;
2. the zoning exception not be approved;
3. the addition be re-inspected and compared to both the original plans submitted for the construction permits and to DC construction requirements; and,
4. the addition be altered to meet current zoning requirements.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,



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