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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Re: BZA Case No 17329
Appeal of Georgetown Residents Alliance
1531 31st. St. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20007

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board:

I believe the previous use of the Roof was as a roof with access by a hatch door with no permanent stair from either apartment below.

The builder has added 2 separate staircases (one from each apartment below). This expands the independent use of each apartment below to make separate roof gardens or decks. The current construction includes no barriers (railings) to prevent people from falling off (3 stories can be fatal). I do not know if an application was ever filed, if one was denied, or if the builder simply could not bootleg in such a barrier structure (the Old Georgetown Board does not look kindly upon railings which create roof decks). This should make occupancy of the roof per-se illegal under other building codes.

The bootleg construction in contravention of building and zoning codes and subsequent inexplicable ratification of both by now fired Mr. Bello requires reversal of the Zoning Administrations decision and denial of any Certificate of Occupancy for any use of the Roof by owners of the condominiums.

I reside at 1607 31st. St. N.W. (within 200 feet) and I have an interest in this case.

Very truly yours,

Ronald R. Snider

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