RE: Application Number 17340

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Jerrily R. Kress, Director
District of Columbia
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St N.W. Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001
April 25, 2005

Ms. Kress:

I am writing in support of **Application Number 17340** for Jason and Sandra Nelson at 1515 A St SE.

Our block has had its share of troubles, with abandoned houses, illegal activity, and abandoned vehicles and trash in the alley. The Nelsons' proposed addition will help improve the block for the following reasons:

- By increasing the value of their house, it will help increase the value of all the houses on the block, including the abandoned ones. This will increase the likelihood that these abandoned houses will be renovated, because there will now be a bigger economic incentive for doing so.
- The addition will add more activity in the alley and help the appearance of the alley, both of which will create a safer, more stable environment.
- The new addition will show that people care about this block and are willing to invest in it for the long term, creating a better quality of life.

The Nelsons are good neighbors, and I fully support their application for a special exception.

Sincerely,

Kevin R. West

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