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Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
441 Fourth Street N.W.
Suite 220 South
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: BZA #17521
Application of 600-645 H Street Ventures LLC

Dear Members of the Board:

I oppose the proposed development at 600-645 H Street, application #17521. I live in this neighborhood at 1235 Wylie Street, NE and would like to underline that this building will have a negative effect on the H Street community.

I would like to reinforce the message sent by Joseph Fengler, ANC Commissioner 6A02, specifically stating:

1. The applicant's plan has not received adequate community input.
2. The current application is flawed because the FAR of the building in the C-2-A portion of the lot exceeds the 2.5 FAR standard outlined in §771.1.
3. The applicant has not met the standards of §3103 and §3104 required to justify the granting of the requested variances and special exceptions.

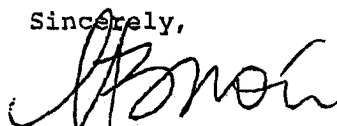
Additionally I support the collective views of the community in that:

1. The look of the building does not attempt to fit in with the historic architectural features of H Street or the design guidelines.
2. The size, scale, and massing of the building overwhelm the surrounding area.
3. The parking and traffic impacts and placement of vehicle access points undermine efforts to make H Street a pedestrian-friendly environment on a human scale.
4. The design of the H Street façade conflicts with the goal of building an attractive, pedestrian-friendly streetscape that will contribute to the long-term economic vitality of H Street.

Although I support mixed-use development on H Street, this particular building will undermine H Street revitalization efforts, and the quality of life in the surrounding community.

Thank you for your concern.

Sincerely,



Maria Barrón

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