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DC Board of Zoning Adjustment, Chairman Geoffrey Griffis
441 Fourth Street N.W., Suite 220 South
Washington, D.C. 20001

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Re: BZA #17521

Application of 600-645 H Street Ventures LLC

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

I am writing in opposition to application #17521. My husband, baby twins and I live within 200 feet of the proposed development, at 724 6th Street, NE. This building will adversely affect our neighborhood of townhouses in numerous ways.

Among the problems with the project as proposed:

- 1) The look of the building is at odds with the small-scale, rowhouse architectural style of the neighborhood.
- 2) The building occupies too much of the lot, and its size and scale overwhelm the nearby homes – the height of five stories right next two two-story rowhouses is too much.
- 3) The building is way too close to the surrounding homes, isn't set back enough from them and will block their light, air flow, view, and privacy.
- 4) The crowding, noise, traffic, and parking overflow from the building will place a burden on a neighborhood that is already inundated with traffic and people from other parts of the city parking on our streets.

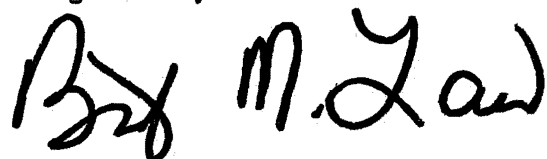
I do not oppose development on the 6th and H Street site, but I do oppose the type of thoughtless, shortsighted money-pinching development being proposed here. I also think that the way these developers went about dealing with the neighbors on this (ie, trying to bypass us completely and shut us out of input) was distasteful, to put it mildly. They sure could have taken a leaf out of the architecturally sensitive, neighbor-involvement book of ABDO and Steuart with the nearby H Street Children's Museum and Harris Teeter sites.

Our neighborhood really cares about our Capitol Hill homes and community. We want the best for H Street redevelopment--not brash, glass and brass K Street money-making.

Thank you for your time and attention, and for taking the concerns of the neighbors and the community into consideration. Please feel free to contact me at (202) 336-5702.

Sincerely,

Bridget Murray Law



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