

ATTN: Frederick Hill, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St NW, Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001
Re: **BZA Application No. 19452**

Dear Mr. Hill,

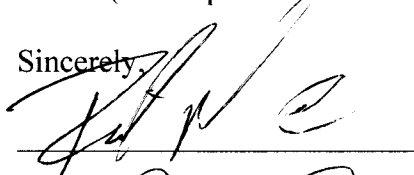
I am a resident of 5B03. We are a diverse neighborhood with a mix of young families, mature families, and elderly Brookland-lifers. We all work hard, and we all appreciate our diverse and often times challenging personal stories. We have civil rights pioneers, veterans, disabled young and elderly, cab drivers, formerly homeless, professors, grandmothers, and a whole host of wonderful and interesting people. Across the board, people here are generous. We have repeatedly taken a higher percentage of the City's neediest citizens. We have also been trusting. We trusted our local elected officials to accurately and fairly relay our message and advocate on our behalf, but it appears that the City has not received that message or chose to ignore it.

The proposed site is an historical property that means a great deal to the residents here. Any changes to the site first need to fit within the comprehensive plan the City proposed to the residents and within existing zoning requirements. This application and the City's efforts have not accounted for the residents' input. We do not want the building to change. We want it preserved no matter the use at the end of the day. We do not want a site that is inconsistent with existing zoning requirements or the comprehensive plan.

We do not understand why the City and our elected officials are not listening to us. We do not understand why the City would propose a building that contradicts the plan it provided to us. We do not appreciate the City not upholding its promise to the residents that it would preserve this historical property. We do not want the City to redefine the character of our neighborhood.

I cannot and do not support the application. I fully support the opposition in this application, and I ask that you consider my opposition in any future application that does not preserve this building within existing zoning requirements and within the plan the city promised us they would follow (and require others to follow).

Sincerely,



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