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Frederick L. Hill, Chairman of the BZA 441 Fourth Street NW, Suite 200 South Washington, DC 20001

Re; BZA Case 19659, Application for Zoning Relief of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)

Dear Mr. Hill and Other Members of the Board:

This letter is a supplement to my previous letter of November 20, 2017, exhibit #31 in this case. My wife and I are the homeowners and occupants of the house immediately west of 2118 Leroy Place NW. We are the closest neighbor and share a party wall with 2118. As such, we would be greatly affected by any demolition and construction that might be necessary to renovate the property to meet the needs of a business. Additionally, we would be disturbed and inconvenienced by any increase in traffic and parking that could result from business occupancy.

It is my understanding that the special exception requested by the FSMB was created to avoid large buildings in residential zones becoming vacant, because those buildings are too large for single residential use. Since such buildings are less expensive in residential zones compared to commercial zones, businesses can be attracted to seek such exceptions mainly to save money. Special exceptions of this type, in my opinion, should be reserved for buildings with proven lack of appeal to residential buyers, such as buildings vacant for sustained periods. That is not the case here.

I therefore join my neighbors in opposing this proposal, both for personal reasons and for the welfare of our community.

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Thank you,

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