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Mr. Frederick L. Hill, Chairman
District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW Suite 200 South
Washington, DC. 20001

Re: BZA Case 19659 (FSMB) –2118 Leroy Place, NW Statement in Opposition

Dear Mr. Hill:

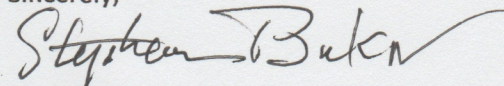
I have direct knowledge of the facts taken from the American Gold Star Mother's web site and have been in the house in 2017 and this week in 2018. I am one of the neighbors who watch their building and keep in touch with them regularly. The American Gold Star Mothers are about to have their annual meeting in Washington, DC. They will be putting a letter on the record verifying my statements before this case is closed.

The following information has been taken from their web site: "The AGSM headquarters is located at 2128 Leroy Place, NW, Washington, DC; a pleasant street with residences and some embassies and consulates nearby. The neighbors are friendly and watch our building when we're not there... The house was formerly owned by the nearby Episcopal church and used by the pastor as a residence...Keeping the property maintained is a constant activity. In 2005 we installed a new kitchen on the ground floor. In 2007 we installed central air conditioning which is much appreciated by the moms when they visit in the hot summer months. The latest improvements were the refinishing of the hardwood floors on the first floor and replacing of the carpet on the second and third floors in 2016-17."

The property has one room with two desks as a home office and is maintained as a residence. There are no employees. Their infrequent meetings inside of the residence are small.

My husband and I are opposed to the application for special exception. This request for a special exception will adversely affect our enjoyment of our property. Among other issues addressed by many neighbors is the use of the alley for deliveries as supported by the Office of Planning due to serious problems with traffic flow on Leroy Place. The alley is extremely narrow with very difficult navigational problems for any size truck at the top of the alley. We back out of our garage and cannot back up the entire alley if the Federation is blocking the alley with a delivery truck.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Baker