

1842 Ontario Pl NW  
Washington DC 20009  
May 25, 2018

Board of Zoning Adjustment  
441 4<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Suite 200  
Washington DC 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 19771

Members of the Board,

I live and own the property at 1842 Ontario Pl NW.

I'm not sure if I will be able to attend your board meeting on June 13 and I want to make clear my strong objection to the application of Lee Wells and Malcolm Haith various zoning exceptions for their property at 1834 Ontario Pl.

As I understand their proposal, it is neither in keeping with the neighborhood nor in compliance with city requirements that are in place for good reason.

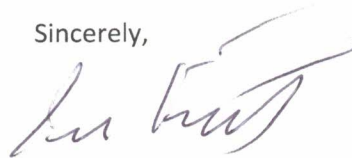
I bought my home on Ontario Place because of the unique character of the block. The character includes many distinct groupings of homes with big front porches of a certain era that contribute to the historic scale and charm of the neighborhood and open back yards.

One of the exceptions sought here would eliminate one of those big front porches and key architectural elements. The application cites precedent of nearby properties altered before we reclassified our neighborhood as RF. Allowing the exception would detract from the neighborhood character.

Another exception I also oppose pushes the exception of the amount of a lot that can be devoted to a building past the 60 percent threshold. Residents in this area worked to change the zoning of Ontario Place to preserve a balance between open space and building on each property. The applicant's legal back up and architectural drawings describe buildings of differing size. I feel that if the owners desire a bigger garage for storage, they should balance that by reducing the space for the main building, which was enlarged this past year.

If you have any questions my home phone is 202/986-8959 and my cell is 202/425-5046.

Sincerely,



Ira Teinowitz