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Mr. Frederick Hill  
Chairperson of the Board of Zoning Adjustment  
Board of Zoning Adjustment  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street Northwest, Suite 210  
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Case No. 20108 (1238 Wisconsin Ave NW)

Dear Chairperson Hill,

I recently received notice that there was a pending case to be brought to the BZA for a rear yard setback special exception at 1238 Wisconsin Ave NW. As an owner of a building that abuts the project site – 1246 Wisconsin Ave NW – I am very familiar with the site and am eager to see improvements made to the neighboring building in this location. I am writing today in support of the above-mentioned case to be presented to the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

I believe the project as currently designed would bring back life to a block that has seen declining retail activity since the previous retailer closed more than one and a half years ago. Re-activating the street just south of my property will encourage more shoppers and tourists to travel north from Wisconsin Ave NW. This project will have significant impact on this block of Wisconsin Ave NW, and the rear yard exception will allow the applicant to expand the retail offerings around the corner to Prospect Street NW as well, carrying the improved life to another block of Georgetown.

As there is currently a structure occupying the space for which the applicant is requesting a rear yard exception, I do not anticipate significant change in the functionality of the alley or in the access to the rear of my property. I believe the applicant's case should be approved by the Board, as the project will provide significant improvement to the Wisconsin Ave retail corridor and the Georgetown community.

Sincerely,



Margaret DeFranceaux

Board of Zoning Adjustment  
District of Columbia  
CASE NO.20108  
EXHIBIT NO.30