

Dear BZA,

We have resided at 1415 36th st. NW for the past 35 years. We have seen many changes in our neighborhood and have seen the corner store at 35th and O transform from a quaint antique shop to a quiet flower shop. The intersection of 35th and O Is an important one for our community.

We believe that the bagel shop, Call your Mother, should not be granted a zoning variance. This quiet residential community endures an incredible amount of foot traffic from three great institutions, Holy Trinity, Georgetown University and Georgetown Visitation. The sidewalks are always occupied by students coming and going. We visited Call Your Mother bagels recently to see the sidewalk completely engulfed with customers queuing up in line. It seems that their business model is to force their customers on to the streets and provide no interior space for seating. We feel this would be destructive to our community and force pedestrians (students and children) off the sidewalk in to the streets.

We've also noticed people were driving to Call Your Mother bagels and parking in the crosswalks and double parking. This would be a major inconvenience to our neighborhood. Parking for residents would also be severely compromised not to mention the impact on more traffic in the neighborhood.

But another consideration in bringing another food establishment in to the neighborhood is the impact on the rodent population. This has been a significant problem and we do not want to see it increase.

Thank you for your consideration in not granting this variance.

Sincerely,

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