

3413 N Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20007

Board of Zoning Adjustment  
441 4th Street, NW  
Suite 210S  
Washington, DC 20001

October 29, 2019

**Re: BZA Case No. 20135 of 3428 O Street, LLC  
Letter in Opposition**

Dear Members of the Board,

I reside on the same block as the proposed Call Your Mother bagel shop at 3428 O Street, NW, and am writing to urge you to DENY the above requested variance.

The District of Columbia fights a stereotype that it is a purely transient city with little culture of its own. While there are certainly many people who come and go in our city, we have many neighborhoods in which families live for generations. Those neighborhoods (that is, not just the physical streets, but the culture and families within them) are not only worth keeping, but should also be highlighted by the City as true communities that contradict the transitory stereotype. I believe that our zoning laws are largely in place to protect neighborhoods such as ours.

I have lived, worked, studied or attended church within two blocks of the proposed bagel shop for my entire life. Like our other neighbors, my wife and I purchased our home with the understanding that the City would abide by its zoning laws and protect the character of our neighborhood, all of which impacts our property value.

If the proposed bagel shop is permitted a variance, nearly all foot traffic from M Street and Wisconsin Avenue will pass through our block, and directly in front of our home. This bagel shop is well known as a destination restaurant with long lines every day. Simply put, we did not purchase our home thinking there would be a chance that on one day, we would live on a quiet residential street, and the next day we would live on a major tourist thoroughfare for one of the most popular fast food restaurants in the country.

Please recognize that those of us who reside close to this proposed restaurant are the ones who will be the most significantly negatively affected. I therefore urge you to deny the requested variance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Brendan Dignan