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Good afternoon,

Please accept my request for untimely filing for BZA Application No. 20508. I was in attendance this morning but will not be able to attend following lunch due to work. Please accept my testimony as follows (and attached):

I am a resident, I live at 33 N Street NE, immediately across from the property in case 20508.

The resulting developments in NoMa have added congestion to what is already a twisted set of roads. I am concerned that the requests for rezoning are not only in disharmony but may make matters worse.

This lot connects N ST with New York and North Capital, and even at its best day, it is already difficult to get through. In the last week, driving out of our building onto N street, double parking kept us from going to the hospital, building trash not serviceable, fire trucks stuck N Capital...etc. The list is long, but all of these things already are made difficult, slowed to a halt from poor traffic flow in surrounding streets—and that doesn't account for construction.

You might have heard about the closing of Wendy's yesterday, or the protests on New York for Antwan Gilmore that have been happening regularly...or notice how unique this intersection is shaped. It's location makes the street a funnel out of and into NoMa, and a gate for traffic leaving Capital Hill.

With a recent noise permit approving construction as early as 3am, not only have our streets made life during the day encumbered but the night difficult to sleep through. We don't know the impact that this proposal may have on surrounding areas, we need help with making our neighborhood habitat and safe. Before we drastically gum-up one of the city's most complex intersections, this project needs more research, civil engineering, ethnography...and some outreach to the community. They're basically say that the penthouse, berthing and parking...it's our problem, not theirs. We're already trying to manage traffic and parking, we have no idea how difficult their project may make living here.

To this board, they are required not only to qualify for the exception, but as stated: **an applicant must show that the requested relief will be in harmony with the intent and purpose of the Zoning Regulations [] and will not adversely affect neighboring properties.** This very small area of our city is changing rapidly, and with recent developments, there's still plenty unknown...but it's clear that the consequences for living near a building that requires these exceptions will absolutely adversely affect our neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration.

Zach Thomas
Resident, 33 N ST NE

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.20508
EXHIBIT NO.39A

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Good afternoon Mr. Thomas,

It was a pleasure to speak with you this afternoon. As we discussed, attached is **BZA Form 153 for a Motion to Request an Untimely Filing or to Reopen the Record**. Once completed, you may submit your written testimony, along with the Form 153, to bzasubmissions@dc.gov. Please remember to include the **BZA Application No. 20508** in the body of your testimony, as well as in the subject line of your email to bzasubmissions@dc.gov.

If I can assist you with anything else, please let me know.

Respectfully,

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