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To: DC Board of Zoning Adjustment

Subject: Statement of Opposition to Ontario LLC Request for Relief for 2240 Ontario Road for October 13 Hearing, Case Number 20521

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We reside within 200 feet of the proposed project and are opposed to the special exception sought by Ontario LLC for 2240 Ontario Road.

Although we support greater housing density in the area, the construction of eight units where only one person previously lived, on top of recent and ongoing popups (of ten townhouses) is excessive and unsustainable for our block. Parking is already difficult for residents, and traffic through a block where there are many children (from Marie Reed's playground, Briya's pre-school, and families on the block) is becoming dangerous. Congestion in the alley where trash trucks would need access to the back of this and other popups will become difficult, especially since there is only one egress.

Moreover, we would highlight the objection by Mr. Gambrell suggesting that the applicant's lot occupancy calculations are incorrect. This should be straightened out well BEFORE BZA consideration.

Finally, we would note that a different project by the developer (10 Square) resulted in a building collapse last summer at 916 Kennedy, which permanently disabled a worker. This collapse is reportedly under investigation, and all 10 Square projects are being reviewed, according to a statement last summer by Mayor Bowser (<https://mayor.dc.gov/release/mayor-bowser-announces-enhancements-safety-reviews-multifamily-and-commercial-buildings>). Surely, this is not the time to be granting what what would amount to a substantial financial benefit to the petitioner.