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Board of Zoning Adjustment  
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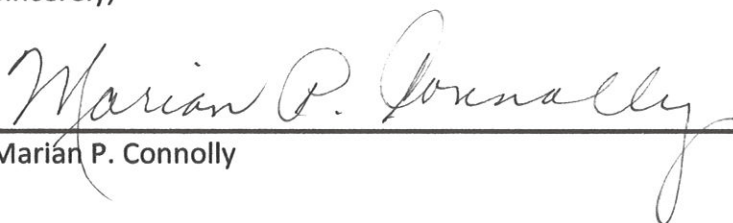
Re: Letter in Support of BZA Case No. 20574– 237 8<sup>th</sup> St SE

Dear Members of the Board,

My name is Marian P. Connolly, and I own 233 8<sup>th</sup> Street SE which is two houses away from 237 8<sup>th</sup> St SE. I am writing to give my support for the BZA application. I have spoken to Michael Consilvio and Bonnie Guo, the owners of the property, and they have been responsive in answering my questions. I understand that they are requesting variance relief from the Board of Zoning Adjustment in order to construct a single story, detached garage to the rear of the property that will be in line with the adjacent garages on either side. I am supportive of this construction.

Replacing the exposed parking pad with a one-story garage is consistent with detached dwellings already constructed in this block. Except for 231 and 237 8<sup>th</sup> St. SE, every home on the west side of the 200 block of 8<sup>th</sup> Street SE has a garage or a parking pad with an electronic rollup door /gate at the rear of our properties. These are needed to provide secure parking when coming and going to and from the rear of our homes, especially at night. This public alley borders the rear property line of our residences and is shared with the offices and restaurants in the 200 block of 7<sup>th</sup> Street SE. Garages and parking pads with electronic gates also help block the unsightly trash and garbage storage at the rear of many of these 7<sup>th</sup> Street businesses. Additionally, the proposed garage will not change the footprint of #237 and will not conflict with the remarkable Japanese maple tree in the rear yard of #237.

Sincerely,

  
Marian P. Connolly