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Dear Mr. Fred Hill and the D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment,

My name is Ryanna Quazi and I am a former resident of Georgetown in DC. I moved to Virginia a couple of months ago, but my years in Georgetown were some of the most transformative years of my entire life. I started a pop up business, built friendships, and went on my first date with my now husband. That first date took place at Call Your Mother Georgetown in October 2020, a few months after the bagel shop opened. It's a beautiful memory that my husband and I value deeply and we continue to patronize the many locations of the chain. But the Georgetown location remains special in both of our hearts. We are not the only ones who hold this establishment in our hearts.

I know that is a special place for many people in Georgetown and the people across the DMV.

I understand the Georgetown community well and I understand their concerns about the noise, trash, and sometimes unruly patrons that come with an institution that is frequented heavily by young people.

I do believe that the CYM staff are doing their best to address residents' concerns while also acknowledging that they still have room to improve. I also believe that there is a way to address the concerns of the residents while also allowing CYM to continue to operate in this coveted location. For example, I know that they have recently hired someone to ensure that patrons don't sit on the porches of people's homes.

I believe that CYM is well within the law to have a business there, as the zoning allows for a corner retail store to exist there. ([Call Your Mother is fighting to stay open in Georgetown \(msn.com\)](#)) I am not clear if CYM has a permit to sell prepared food at this location, but they should be allowed the chance to do so if they don't have one already. CYM is great for Georgetown's economy and tourism, as people from across the country come to Georgetown and often check out the pink bagel shop on the corner of O Street.

I ask that you all to please consider this when making a decision on the future of the CYM Georgetown location. Losing this location would be a loss for the neighborhood, the city, and metro area!

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.21157
EXHIBIT NO.173

Regards,

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