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Dear Zoning Board,

My name is Edward Morozov, and I reside at 4428 Harrison St NW, Washington, DC, 20015, in the duplex adjacent to the property located at 4426 Harrison St NW. I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed zoning exemption, which involves adding a third story and an elevator to the property next door. I believe this project will disproportionately impact my ability to work, as well as that of my housemate, Andrew Brooks, who also works from home full-time.

I work on a fully virtual team and rely on a stable, quiet environment to perform my job effectively. I work from home five days a week, and my nearest office is in Columbia, Maryland, which is not a feasible commuting option. Similarly, Andrew Brooks works from home full-time and does not have access to an alternative office. The construction noise and disruptions caused by this project will severely impede our ability to perform our jobs.

Two other housemates, Zachary Clouse and Samantha Simmons, also work from home two to three days per week. While they have the option to work from their respective offices, the noise and disruption will still affect the shared environment and diminish the quality of life for all of us.

While I understand the applicant's desire to improve their property, I strongly oppose this zoning exemption unless accommodations are made to mitigate the significant impact on my ability to work. Specifically, I request that the applicant cover the cost of a coworking space for both Andrew and me for the duration of the construction period. This solution would allow us to maintain our productivity without undue hardship.

Temporary Absence Notification - I will be away on vacation starting today, December 4th, at 1:00 PM, through December 15th, without cellphone or internet access. If there are any action items or follow-ups required during my absence, please contact Zachary Clouse, whom I designate as my representative. Zachary can be reached by email at zclouse1@gmail.com or by phone at 417-693-8612.

I respectfully urge the zoning board to consider the profound impact this project will have on those of us who work from home. I hope you will prioritize the needs of existing residents when evaluating this request and work toward a fair resolution that minimizes harm.

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.21198
EXHIBIT NO.25

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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