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Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Re: Letter in Response to False Claims in BZA Application for Case No. 21330 – 1818 15th St NW

Dear Chairperson Hill and Members of the Board,

I, Jacqueline Jacobson, am a co-owner and the primary resident of 1508 Swann Street NW. The property is legally owned by myself and my parents, John and Gail Jacobson, who do not reside at the home. The house is a single-unit residence consisting of one bedroom and one bathroom.

As a full-time professional and part-time MBA student, I take care to maintain a quiet and respectful environment. I take pride in maintaining a respectful relationship with my neighbors, including the owner of 1818 15th Street NW and the residents of 1506 Swann Street NW.

The statements made in the BZA variance application submitted by the owner of 1818 15th Street NW are false and misleading. Specifically:

- I have not hosted events or parties at my home. On rare occasions, I have had two or three guests on my rooftop, always with minimal noise.
- I have never received any notification from the Applicant or from any third party about noise complaints or any alleged damage to the Applicant's vehicle.
- The claim that 1508 Swann is a multi-unit property is false. It is a single unit residence.

Additional context regarding my interactions with the Applicant includes:

- I asked the Applicant to share his approved permit and any required zoning ordinance documentation for the deck he was constructing in his rear yard. He ignored my request and, in a subsequent conversation, explicitly acknowledged that he did not have a permit. Following that admission, I reported the work as illegal construction to DOB. As a result of his illegal construction without a permit, the deck is now fully constructed and in use.

- I made a reasonable request via text message to the Owner to remove the black tarp and flags he had placed over my living room windows, which obstruct light and visibility. This request was denied.

The pattern of misrepresentation and lack of good-faith engagement and the illegal construction by the applicant should be considered in evaluating this variance request.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Jacobson