

March 16, 2026

Dear Members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment and ANC 6A Commissioners,

I live on Corbin Place NE, a short distance from the property that is the subject of BZA Case No. 21386, and I am writing to share my concerns about the application. I respectfully request that this matter be taken off the expedited track and instead be considered through a full public hearing process.

From what is presented in the filing, the project involves a considerable enlargement of the existing building, including the construction of an additional upper level and a substantial extension at the rear. The applicant is also requesting flexibility from standard zoning rules governing lot coverage and rear yard space. This combination of changes represents a notable increase in the building's overall size and intensity.

The proposed vertical addition is of particular concern. Even if it is partially set back, the extra level would still be apparent and would alter the established rooflines along the street. The homes on this block share a relatively consistent scale and appearance, and introducing a taller structure risks disrupting that balance. Changes of this nature can also influence future development in ways that may not align with the existing character of the neighborhood.

I am also concerned about the reach of the rear addition. Extending further into the lot than nearby properties may affect the open space that currently exists between homes. This can have implications for daylight, airflow, and the overall sense of spacing in the rear of the block. These are impacts that deserve careful consideration.

Because of the scope of the proposal and its potential effects on surrounding homes, I believe a more thorough review is warranted. A public hearing would provide an appropriate opportunity for neighbors to offer input and for the Board to evaluate the application in greater detail.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,  
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