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Board of Zoning Commission
Suite 200
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Comments in Opposition of BZA #21413 – 654 L St, NE
From: Taylor Chung, 1106 7th St NE. Washington DC 20002

Dear Board Members,

I am a neighbor of Melissa Lim and Joel Patterson who reside at 654 L Street NE. I live at 1106 7th St NE which is approximately 50 feet away from the proposed construction zone. They are seeking a zoning relief from the District of Columbia zoning laws to build a three story + cellar rear addition at their property.

I have viewed the drawings of the proposal, and I **strongly oppose the proposed addition.**

The proposed rear addition will extend 18 feet beyond the adjacent neighbor to the south, and 8 feet 10 inches beyond the adjacent neighbor to the north. The addition would extend further to the rear than all other residences on the block. I believe that the proposed dimensions of the three storey addition would adversely affect the use and enjoyment of the neighboring properties, especially our property as it is south of the proposed addition.

The proposed addition would block the view from our second floor. Furthermore, it will block the sun from entering the rear of our first and second floor, and patio. There is also a definite privacy concern as the new addition is less than 50 feet away and would have a direct view into our patio, first, second, and third floors, and roof. Due to the orientation of our property, the height and depth of the proposed three-story addition would cast significant shadows for much of the day, particularly during fall and winter months, resulting in a material reduction in natural light to habitable rooms and outdoor space.

Finally, the proposed rear extension is substantially out of character with the established development pattern on L Street NE. No other residence on the block extends as far to the rear as what is proposed. Granting this relief would set an undesirable precedent, encouraging similarly oversized additions that erode the uniform rear-yard character of the block.

I respectfully request that the Town Zoning Board reject the rezoning request.
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