

March 24, 2026

via IZIS

Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Letter in Support of the BZA Application – 1724 Potomac Avenue, SE

Dear Chairperson Blake and Members of the Board,

My name is Denise Forte, and I am the owner of the property located at 1722 E Street, SE, immediately adjacent to and directly west of 1724 Potomac Avenue, SE.

Jesse and Kristen recently contacted me to ask whether I would support their application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. As I understand it, they received a valid building permit from the District of Columbia Department of Buildings in April 2024 and began construction in reliance on that permit. After construction had commenced, however, the Department issued a stop work order on the project.

Based on my understanding of the circumstances, it does not seem fair to require my neighbors to obtain additional zoning relief after a valid permit had already been issued and construction had begun in good-faith reliance on that permit. For that reason, I support their request for relief so that they may complete the project as originally permitted.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Denise Forte

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO. 21465
EXHIBIT NO. 17