Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW Ste 200S
Washington DC 20001

Re: BZA Case - Application of Sean O'Donnell 2458 39th Place NW DC 20007

Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing in support of my neighbor Sean O'Donnell's application for a variance to permit construction of a replacement rear deck at his property. I live at 2452 39th Place, three doors from the O'Donnell home, and I am familiar with both the property and the proposed project.

I have reviewed the plans for the deck replacement and have no objection to the requested relief. The deck is modest in size, will be constructed with high-quality materials, and is entirely consistent with the character of our block, where rear decks and porches are a common expected feature of rowhouse living.

From my perspective as a nearby resident on 39th Place, the project will have no adverse effect on my property or on the neighborhood. It will not meaningfully affect light, air, or privacy for the surrounding homes. If anything, the improvement reflects the kind of investment and care in our homes that strengthens the block and supports property values in the neighborhood.

The rowhouse lots on our block are narrow and shallow, and I understand that strict application of the rear yard requirements would leave the applicant with no practical way to build or replace a modest deck. Granting the requested variance would cause no detriment to the public good and would allow a reasonable improvement that neighbors like me welcome.

I respectfully urge the Board to grant the requested variance.

Sincerely,

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