

March 5, 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,

Our names are Ralph Garboushian and Erin Friel, and we are the owners of the property located at 1726 Potomac Avenue, SE, immediately adjacent to and directly east of 1724 Potomac Avenue, SE.

Jesse and Kristen recently contacted us to ask whether we would support their application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. As we 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 our understanding of the circumstances, it does not seem fair to require our 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, we support their request for relief so that they may complete the project as originally permitted.

We support the project and do not believe that the side yard extension or the use of the accessory building as a separate unit will have any adverse impact on our property, including our light, air, or privacy, or on the surrounding neighborhood.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Ralph Garboushian



Erin Friel