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Mr. Anthony Hood
Vice-Chairman, D.C. Zoning Commission
441 Fourth St., NW
Second Floor
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Z.C. Case No. 04-22 – 220 H Street, NE
Abdo Development L.L.C. (Applicant)
Motion to Reopen the Record for Submission of Alternative Roof Plan

Dear Vice-Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission,

Last week the Stanton Park Neighborhood Association (SPNA) was served with revised elevations for the proposed project. While we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed revisions, we are also dismayed that this issue was not recognized far earlier in the review process.

We consider the rooftop embellishments an important component of this project's design. The rooftop elements help soften the roofline and signal the residential nature of the structure. Our review of the Height Act does not indicate a conflict with the design as originally proposed. We would be disappointed if these embellishments were eliminated from the project. We also understand the Applicant's need to secure approval of the PUD. A residential project on this site is crucial to the recovery of H Street and is far preferred to a commercial office building. We urge approval of the PUD preferably with the embellishments, but accept the project without them. We hope that any perceived conflict with the 1910 Height Act can be quickly resolved in a manner that retains the roof top embellishments either as part of the approved PUD or as a subsequent modification to the PUD.

Sincerely,

Drury Tallant, Co-Chair
SPNA Land Use Committee

CC: Abdo Development

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