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Subject: Letter in Opposition to Case No. 19751 (Application of MED Developers LLC)

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To the DC Zoning Board:

My husband and I are property owners (homestead) of the house at 3554 Edmunds Street, NW and are writing in strong opposition to the case noted above. The application of the developers requesting several special use permits to build and operate a memory care facility at 2619-2625 Wisconsin Avenue is entirely inconsistent with the zoning restrictions of this neighborhood and the special use permits should not be issued.

I write from two perspectives: Not only are the existing zoning requirements being ignored in a variety of ways, but also the design of the proposed building is completely inappropriate for the purpose of caring for memory-impaired individuals.

There is no doubt that the exception being requested for the reduction of the required number of parking spaces is in flagrant disregard of our entire community. Far too few parking spaces for employees and visitors are proposed, and this will inevitably have a drastic effect on the neighborhood. The applicant has made no effort to explain why they believe that this would be appropriate in any way. Nor have they undertaken, or so it would seem, a traffic study to determine the overall effect of a greatly increased amount of motor traffic around the proposed building, and its immediate environs.

I would also point out that the size of the building is entirely out of scale with the rest of our neighborhood, and is inconsistent with its residential character; this in itself is prohibited by the existing zoning regulations. Furthermore, the design of the building is extremely patient UNfriendly, both on the exterior (no front driveway) and the interior (one elevator ?????). Why the building was designed in this manner is difficult to understand, since it certainly does not seem to have patient care in mind.

There are many other specific requirements which the applicant has quite clearly ignored and on which they have refused to comment. If for no other reason than their unwillingness to communicate openly with the local neighborhood council, it is hard not to be somewhat suspicious of the actual motives of the developer.

My husband and I hope that we speak in some way for our friends and neighbors, and that the Board of Zoning Adjustment will give our concerns their serious consideration.

Yours sincerely, Fanchon M. (Monty) and Richard I. Burnham, 3554 Edmunds Street, NW.