Case #20135 Bagel Shop 3428 O Street

Dear Member of the Board of Zoning Adjustment,

I am writing to express my opposition to the Case 20135, which requests for a zoning variance that will permit a well-known food service establishment to operate in a residential neighborhood.

I have lived on 34th and O St for over a decade and cherish the quiet, peaceful environment that is unique to our street in Georgetown. I believe the proposed new use of the property at the corner of my street block will be unpleasant and will bring unwanted attention to the neighborhood. With the arrival of Saxby's a few years ago -- the popular coffee shop across the street -- I saw an increase in foot-traffic which has evidently disrupted our street. Adding yet another well-known food establishment will further cause our neighborhood to lose its unique Georgetown charm that the residents so dearly treasure.

Furthermore, the business will disrupt our peaceful homes by encouraging foot-traffic, exacerbating a rat infestation, and limit available street parking. All this added movement associated with the new business will increase the student and visitor traffic and also worsen the pollution on our streets. Customers will likely leave trash that will worsen the rat infestation problem that Georgetown students have already been encouraging. In addition, the new attraction will limit the street parking available to residents (that we have the right to for being homeowners).

These inevitable consequences will undermine the value of our houses and infringe on the peace that all Georgetown homeowners praise. Please consider my opposition and realize that none of the surrounding homeowners appreciate the threats that this new establishment poses to our beloved streets.

Best,

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