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Board of Zoning Adjustment

441 4th Street, NW

Suite 210S

Washington, DC 20001

Re: Letter in Support of BZA Case No. 20363 – 514 Archibald Walk, SE

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Dear Members of the Board,

My name is Brian Blake. My spouse, Bridget Blake, and I own 645 E Street, SE, which is directly next door to 514 Archibald Walk, SE. We are writing to give our support for the BZA application. We have spoken to Peter and Karen Byrne, the owners of the property, and they have been responsive in answering our questions. I comment Peter for being both proactive and completely transparent in their plans.

We understand that they are requesting special exception relief from the Board of Zoning Adjustment in order to add a second story to the existing garage and convert most of it to a residential unit. We also understand that this project is subject to review by the Historic Preservation Review Board, and we appreciate the proposed design of the building. Moreover, we appreciate that they are maintaining the existing parking space.

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In general, we believe that these types of enhancements for the neighborhood can be very positive, particularly when residential access is diverted from the main road onto the alley. We hope that your decision serves as a consistent precedent for similar enhancements, even in our own personal situation for 645E in the future. We are certainly supportive of this request and look forward to seeing the finished project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

Brian

M. Brian Blake, PhD

Executive Vice President and Provost

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