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Dear Commissioners.

I realize this project may seem small and petty to you. You may think that the business community is hurting and needs accommodations or that the project meets the needs of new housing in DC. Let me address those practical issues:

- 1) Our small houses abut businesses and we have always lived cooperatively with our retail neighbors. Retail hours end at about 8 pm, customers do not go out back, there are no back windows and the retail is two stories high max.
- 2) The current owner of 1515 reports that he has owned this building successfully for years. He lost his first floor antique store tenant. Replacing that single tenant returns his business to its prior profitability. He does not need a three story addition to cashflow. This is an attempt to use the pandemic to get zoning relief.
- 3). The units proposed are NOT affordable housing units that solve DC's housing crunch. They are high end apartments that diminish the value of truly small, affordable residential homes on 32nd Street. Georgetown is not affordable BUT our houses on 32nd Street should be preserved because they are among the smallest and most affordable for young families in the Georgetown community.

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