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My name is Charlie Gaynor, and I am a longtime (since 1977) resident and owner of the house at 1438 Swann St NW.

I am opposed to the expansion plans currently under consideration in case 20585 by the ANC and the Board of Zoning Adjustment. As an active participant in the development of the neighborhood for more than four decades, I have worked to maintain the character and the utility of our area by volunteering with the Dupont Conservancy and countless community initiatives. One of my ongoing neighborhood efforts is to protect our historical rowhouse neighborhoods.

One thing I have learned is that if you allow the precedent for one mega house project, don't be surprised when others quickly follow. The width of our lots does not support the giant project being proposed which would create a colossal structure for all the neighbors of the alley. I agree with the Zoning Regulations in place that allow for a 10' "by right" expansion. In fact, on my side of Swann Street, we have many homes that have expanded and most of these are under 10 feet; the house immediately next to me has plans to for an expansion to the rear and it will be 10' and only the 2 story plus basement just as was built in the 1870's. The proposed extension of 1457 Swann (150% of the allowance) creates the conditions for a tunneling of the neighbors. One neighbor is enriched, and both his neighbors are injured. What will we have achieved?

I have said to many people over the years; if you want a bigger house, go buy a bigger house.

Respectfully submitted,

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