Re: Neighbor's Opposition to Postponement of May 4, 2022 Hearing for Case # 20699, 3801 Macomb St., N.W.

<u>Note:</u> This was request not to postpone the May 4th hearing was originally transmitted via email to Clifford Moy, at <u>Clifford.Moy@dc.gov</u>, but since it did not appear in the record, I am trying again by uploading it to IZIS.

Dear Board Secretary Moy:

As a neighbor, I write to oppose the postponement of the May 4th hearing for BZA Case # 20699 - 3801 Macomb St., N.W. This action on the part of the applicant does not feel like it was taken in good faith. The signs for the May 4th meeting are already up on the property, and neighbors have already been taking time off work and preparing their statements so they can appear at the May 4th hearing to oppose the project. We feel blindsided by this. The fact that neighbors are supposed to be given notice of the project shows that we are supposed to be part of this process, but if certain of us were not keeping an eagle-eye on the BZA docket, we would never have known about the applicant's move. Furthermore, I don't think we really need to explain why the reason given, "[t]o allow additional time for the Applicant to work with the Office of Planning and the Advisory Neighborhood Commission," sounds profoundly ominous to us. Certainly, you will note the absence of any mention of working with neighbors. I would add that the ANC is not a good substitute, considering the large area it covers. Someone who lives a mile away on Connecticut Avenue is not going to be intimately familiar with this property, and is not going to share the concerns of those of us who live adjacent to the property. The fact is, the neighbors in the surrounding blocks oppose any expansion of the nonconforming use of the subject property. The purpose of this brief email is simply to register my opposition to postponement, but I fully intend to submit my comments in opposition to the project in the coming days, and to give notice of my intention to speak at the May 4th meeting. Please do not delay the May 4th hearing.

Thank you for your time,

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