Board of Zoning Appeals – Variance Support Statement

To the Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals,

We live across 22nd Street, two houses down from the homeowners requesting the variance. Since moving to town in 2017, they have steadily improved their home and yard.

The homeowners' yard has become a hub of activity for several children in the area. Reducing their usable yard space by moving the fence two feet inside the retaining wall would not only take away precious space but also create a maintenance problem—leaving a narrow strip of grass between the fence and the wall that would be awkward and impractical to mow.

Their proposed railing is attractive, durable, and far more see-through than a typical fence, preserving the open and friendly feel of the neighborhood while enhancing safety for the many children who play there. Allowing the fence to be placed atop the existing retaining wall will keep their yard functional and inviting, which benefits not only their family but the community as a whole.

We wholeheartedly support their variance request and encourage the Board to approve it.

Sincerely,

Doug & Peggy Herlitzka

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