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Sara Benjamin Bardin Director, Office of Zoning Suite 210 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW Washington, DC 20001

RE: BZA#20216—1624 E Street, SE

Dear Director Bardin,

On Thursday, February 20, 2020, the Capitol Hill Restoration Society Zoning Committee considered this case. The Committee voted to oppose the application to build a structure that is deeper than 10 feet from the rear wall of the neighbor to the east.

The applicant proposes to demolish the current building and build a 3 story structure that matches the one at 1622 E that he built. Naturally, he doesn't object. Exhibit 38 shows that the lots to the east are not as deep as the subject because the alley makes a turn to the north. The new building will be 18.5 feet beyond the rear wall of 1626 E and will also extend 4 to 5 feet beyond the rear lot line of all the houses to the east. The construction will place a 3 story brick wall along the entire lot line of 1626 and will even extend beyond the rear lot line.

The addition or accessory structure, together with the original building, as viewed from the street, alley, and other public way, shall not substantially visually intrude upon the character, scale, and pattern of houses along the

subject street frontage; The committee found that this addition violates this condition.

Respectfully,

Gary M. Peterson, Chair

Capitol Hill Restoration Society

Zoning Committee