

**Testimony of the Capitol Hill Restoration Society  
before the DC Historic Preservation Review Board on December 3, 2020  
646 E Street, NE HPA 21-014**

My name is Beth Purcell and I am testifying on behalf of the Capitol Hill Restoration Society's Historic Preservation Committee. We reviewed the project plans dated May 22, 2019. This rowhouse is one of five built in 1890 by J.W. Duvall. It is a contributing building.

The applicant proposes to construct a two-story rear addition and plans to obscure one story of the dogleg, a de facto infill, which would be the first infill in this intact row of doglegs (604 to 668 E Street, NE), shown in our letter. Doglegs are character-defining features of Capitol Hill rowhouses. In 1355 A Street, NE (HPA 19-608), another case involving a row of intact doglegs, the Board required that "the rear addition massing be reconfigured to retain the existing dogleg." See also, 316 G Street, NE (HPA 17-227).

Our only concern with this project is the treatment of the dogleg. We did not object to adding a screened porch in a dogleg in 326 11<sup>th</sup> Street, NE (HPA 20-179), viewing it at the time as a good balance between a total infill and preserving the dogleg, we now realize that this was an error and that doglegs in intact rows should be fully preserved, and we request that the Board fully preserve the dogleg in this case.

The addition should not be visible from the street. The design and materials of the rear elevation are appropriate.

We believe that the infill of the dogleg in an intact row is not compatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District.

Thank you for considering our comments.