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Dear Board of Zoning,

I, Diane L. Yates of 6206 Ree Court, would like to request a reconsideration of the 13VARIANCE1051 case for my detached garage. At the first hearing on December 16, 2013 I was overwhelmed and not prepared for the opposition. There was inaccurate information on the zoning staff report stating I had built the garage without a permit. In addition accusations of an opposing person were inaccurate. I didn't know what to say at the time. I have all the names, dates and documents of BUD, my permit, inspections, etc. I thought I had done everything in order and all that was required in building my garage.

Without a variance approval approximately 4 feet would have to be removed from the rear of my garage. One corner is 1.16 feet from my rear property line and the other corner is 3.66 feet from the line. Therefore in order to be in compliance with the 5 foot clearance of the property line 4 feet would need to be removed. According to our builder it would cost around \$5000.00 to remove that much of the building and foundation. I do not have the money or financing available in order to pay to have that done. After talking with the builder there is also concern that removing 4 feet from the foundation and building could harm the structure and appearance of my garage.

One concern brought up at the last hearing was the appearance of the size from Lower Hunters Trace. I am very willing to work with your landscape architect, Sherrie Long, and an arborist with the Right of Way Department in order to plant bushes/trees behind my garage. Since October 1991 I have been taking care of most of the grass cutting in the right of way area behind my property. I am willing to continue to cut the grass around any trees or bushes planted.

The variance application was a long, complicated process. I worked diligently to take care of all that was needed, including 3 utility encroachment releases and signatures from my adjoining neighbors. I ask that my case be reconsidered due to the hardship caused by not granting a variance. If granted another hearing I will definitely be more prepared with evidence. My adjoining neighbors have also agreed to come to the next hearing on my behalf. If there are any questions or more information needed please contact me. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

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