TO: City of Vaughan

VIA: E-mail

ATT: Office of the City Clerk - Committee of Adjustment

RE: 79 Mullen Dr. (Variance Request)

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COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We the undersigned are proud home owners, our properties are well kept and all have received Curb Appeal Awards from the City of Vaughan. We have lived across and beside 79 Mullen for as many as 39 years and know the history of this home quite well.

This property was first owned by Ms. Reti's mother, Marianne. As a single Mom looking after her elderly mother and 2 children, she retrofitted her basement so that she could rent it out to supplement her income. We the neighbours knew that the garage entrance and basement apartment was not to code, but we decided to look the other way because of her situation. We also did so because while living there with her family she had only <u>one</u> renter living in the basement. Marrianne, always did her best to maintain the property by keeping it clean, groomed and shovelled.

Marrianne passed away quite a few years ago and Ms. Reti inherited the home. Since that time, she has not lived there and has rented out the home to several different occupants both in the upper part of the home and the basement at the same time. During this time the property has been unkept, with bushes uncut, grass and weeds overgrown and newspapers ignored and left on the driveway. Due to the number of occupants and visitors in the house, cars have parked on the boulevard in front of the driveway extending on both sides onto the lawn. We are concerned that by allowing this variance in the garage additional parking would be eliminated thus forcing tenants to park illegally both on the boulevard and the street.

Further, by allowing this "stealth" like entrance in the garage we are also concerned by a precedent that would be set for future applicants. This house like most in the neighbourhood were designed to be a single-family home.

Renting to one person in basement with a <u>proper entrance outside the home</u> and behind the front door line is one thing but making her house a multiple unit rental property is another. By allowing her to have an entrance further than her front door or the neighbour's front door is quite disturbing and disruptive, as this can now become a rooming house with enhanced activity of people and cars coming and going.

In conclusion, if you allow this variance, our property values will decrease significantly, as no one want to live beside a multiple rental property with the garage modified as a main entrance to the home. The garage was meant and designed for cars and storage not as a new entrance into a home!

Morris/and Shelley Manna

84 Mellen Dr.

Mike and Cindy (Krakower) Merovitz

88 Mullen Dr.

Ruth Cappel 92 Mullen Dr.

Sam and Susan Stern

89 Mullen Dr.