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To Whom It May Concern:

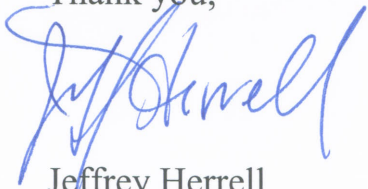
This letter is to nominate Charles Paret and Dago Farinas of C&D Company for the Mayor's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation on the historical renovation of the exterior of Clarence and Twyla Alston's home located at 1320 Valley Pl SE, Washington, DC.

Clarence and Twyla live directly across the street from my home. I watched the detail and craftsmanship that C&D Company brought to the project and it was superb. They recreated the original front porch from that of an identical home next door complete with notches in the posts and decorative trim.

I watched daily as C&D Company's crew transformed the house from one covered in a decaying faux brick exterior to one covered in the original wood siding completely restored with a fresh coat of paint. I watched them carefully replaced damaged and rotted original wood siding where it was necessary in small patches. They did this with professionalism and expertise.

The block and our neighborhood is better from the work that Charles Paret, Dago Farinas and their crew put in on this project. They have really breathed new life not only into an old house, but in to an historic neighborhood.

Thank you,



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