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**Subject:** ZBA 17-018, inconsistencies found in variance request by 1510 Morton

Good morning,

Having an opportunity to review details of the file on etrakit, we noticed the following inconsistencies, and felt it appropriate to bring these to the attention of the ZBA:

1.)

The photographs provided with our neighbors' application were taken in 2014, do not reflect the 7.5 foot fence installed by us in 2015, and are therefore outdated.

For your review, we have included a number of photos taken yesterday, June 26th, 2017.

2.)

Screened-in porches are actually quite common in our neighborhood.

Porches similar in size, shape, and style to ours can be found within a few blocks of our home, i.e. 1701 Morton Avenue, 1616 Granger Avenue, as well as 1607 and 1617 Brooklyn Avenue.

3.)

The Fogels informed a number of our neighbors via email this past Sunday that light issues are the sole reason behind their variance request.

Although we rarely use our porch lights, it is our understanding that no illumination ordinance exists for the City of Ann Arbor.

Again, our family opposes the variance request as the additional fence would only create a prison-like environment in the affected backyards, and significantly impact the enjoyment of our yard and porch.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you might have.

Best,

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