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Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 11:38 AM
To: Barrett, Jon <JBarrett@a2gov.org>
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Dear Mr. Barrett,

Please find attached a letter supporting my neighbor's (470 Huron Pkwy) application for variance.

Best regards,
Yiye Ruan
480 Huron Pkwy

July 23, 2025

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), City of Ann Arbor

Subject: Letter of Support for Variance Application - 470 Huron Pkwy, Ann Arbor, MI

Dear Zoning Board of Appeals Members,

I am writing this letter to express my support for the variance application submitted by my neighbor, at 470 Huron Pkwy, regarding their fence renovation. Our property is adjacent to that of the applicant.

I understand that the existing zoning code specifies fence heights of less than 4 feet and opacity less than 50%. My neighbor's renovation involves a 6-foot fence with 100% opacity. I support this variance for the following reasons:

- **Improved Safety:** The new fence provides an improvement in safety for the occupants of the property, particularly their two very young children. Considering the combined height of the fence and the retaining wall, a taller fence is warranted to reduce the risk of a precipitous fall.
- **Consistency with Previous Setup:** The new fence is consistent with the general setup of the property prior to the renovation. This indicates that the proposed changes are not a drastic departure from the existing character of the property.
- **No Impact on Subdivision Visibility:** The new fences are being erected behind a line of tall evergreen trees. This arrangement means that the new fences will not affect the visibility of the subdivision from the road, maintaining the aesthetic integrity of the neighborhood.

Based on these points, I believe that granting this variance is a reasonable decision that considers the safety of residents without negatively impacting the surrounding community.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Yiye Ruan
480 Huron Pkwy, Ann Arbor, MI