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Town of Bristol  
Mr. Ed Tanner, Zoning Officer  
Zoning Board of Review  
10 Court Street  
Bristol, RI 02809

**RE:** Dimensional Variance submitted by Colleen Cavanaugh and King To at 26 Brookwood Road

Mr. Ed Tanner and Zoning Board of Review,

We are neighbors of Colleen Cavanaugh and King To and would like to state we are in **100% agreement with the current design** of the garden enclosure on their property at 26 Brookwood Road Bristol, RI and ask that it remain as constructed.

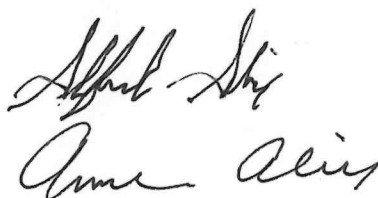
At the first hearing on February 12, 2026 one of the zoning board members made the statement that the height of fences in the current ordinance was to prevent homes from looking like an unwelcoming fortress around homes, keeping the warm welcoming look to our town. It needs to be noted that the structure at 26 Brookwood Road absolutely meets this criterion and should not be considered a "fence" but a "garden enclosure". As a zoning board member, you need to see it for yourself to understand and appreciate the great effort that went into the design and the beautiful outcome of these efforts.

In our opinion the garden enclosure as constructed today, is appropriate in size and scale and does not negatively impact the neighborhood. It poses no "partially obstructed view" in that it is open wire around the footprint.

The pollinator garden is a wonderful enhancement to the neighborhood as many of us walk by and look forward to seeing the progress of the flowers and vegetation throughout the seasons. The aesthetic nature of the garden is enjoyed by so many of us. Great care was made to select materials to construct a pleasing, functional and efficient garden area and the height of the posts are essential to keep the deer out so the garden can remain intact.

We strongly and respectfully urge this Zoning Committee to approve this variance to allow the structure to remain as is. More importantly, the fence was constructed **after** receiving approval from the Zoning Committee and with the proper permit in hand Ms. Cavanaugh completed the project as outlined in the approved design. It is just wrong that she be made to reconstruct what has already been built in compliance with the permit.

Respectfully,  
Alfred and Anne Alix  
1 Curtis Road Bristol, RI

Handwritten signatures of Alfred and Anne Alix. The signature for Alfred is written above the signature for Anne.