

Ed Tanner

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Dear Mr. Tanner and fellow committee members,

My husband, Keith and I received the notice of the Public Hearing to review the request of Louis and Joan Cabral for the dimensional variances on their property at 14 Union Street, Bristol, RI. We have no issue with their request to construct a covered porch. We do, however, have concerns with their plans to demolish the existing garages and construct a larger, two story car garage.

The existing garage is literally on our property line / behind us. We are located directly behind 14 Union Street at 19 Summer Street. There is less than 15" from the back side of our fence to the stone building of the existing garage. We have concerns that a two-story structure will not be in keeping with the historic district's character, as well as privacy issues, as the proposed structure will be right on top of our small backyard. Furthermore, we have concerns that rain run-offs may fall from a two story roof when the structure sits so close to the abetting properties, both ours, and our neighbors, the Esslen's, at 23 Summer Street.

We appreciate that the owners would like to enlarge the garage bays, built many years ago when cars were smaller, to accommodate today's larger vehicles, but as mentioned, we have real concerns about the building of a second story to an even larger structure.

In looking around our "neighborhood," very few homes have garages, if they do, they were built many years ago, and they are smaller, have a single or two bay garage, with a smaller footprint. Part of the charm of living in the historic district is the homes being within historic character.

We are unfortunately unable to attend the meeting on February 6th, but wanted our voice to be heard. Thank you for your consideration.

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