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Dear Members of the Board of County Commissioners,

I hope this letter finds you in good health. I am writing to respectfully appeal the denial and ask your consideration in allowing the variance for the shed that was initially denied by the Seminole County Board. I understand that their decisions are guided by a commitment to the community's best interests, and I wish to share with you the compelling reasons for this request.

Firstly, the denial of this shed variance would impose an immense financial burden and hardship on my family, as we are currently surviving on a single income. The shed in question is crucial for housing my work props and theatre set materials, which I utilize for my employment. These materials are not only integral to my livelihood but also serve an educational purpose, benefiting numerous theatre students who rely on them for their creative and educational growth.

To address the concerns previously raised, I would like to highlight that the structure is not on my neighbor's property. When I initially filed for the variance, I provided detailed plans that consider water flow, addressing one of the primary concerns expressed by our neighbor. Additionally, we are committed to installing gutters to ensure even better water flow, demonstrating our dedication to mitigating any potential issues.

It is vital to understand that the removal of this shed would not only impact my employment but also undermine the educational integrity of the theatre program, which relies on the props and set pieces stored within. My university, Bethune-Cookman University, is already dealing with low enrollment and cannot afford to build proper storage for the theatre department's sets and props. The shed's purpose has always been to support my work and enrich the learning experience for theatre students.

Furthermore, it is important to note that we are not introducing a new structure to the area. Instead, we are replacing a shed that has historically been housed in that location, maintaining the established character of the area. However, I will note that this shed is built with integrity. Besides a code inspector will perform a proper inspection.

I implore you to reconsider this variance denial, taking into account the financial hardship it would impose on my family, the educational implications for theatre students, and the commitment we have shown to addressing any concerns related to water flow. Your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated and would allow us to continue contributing positively to both our family's well-being and the educational development of our community's theatre students.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the possibility of a positive resolution.

Sincerely,

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