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Mr. Jeffrey Griffis
Chair, D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Dear Mr. Griffis,

SUBJECT: BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT APPEAL NO. 17249

I recently discovered that the ANC 2A filed an appeal requesting that several George Washington University retail venues be closed to the public. I am opposed to closing these venues to the public.

These establishments are extremely accessible and convenient for Foggy Bottom residents. They have a positive impact on Foggy Bottom's city atmosphere for many of the same reasons that hotels and restaurants are neighborhood assets. The venues provide services and utility to the neighborhood that are appreciated by myself and many other residents.

As an individual who bought and since lived in a Foggy Bottom cooperative unit in Foggy Bottom four years ago, I have seen little if any negative effects from public access to GWU retail venues. On the contrary, I feel that they increase neighborhood property values for the reasons discussed in the prior paragraph.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey M. Gee

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Exhibit No. 25

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