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Mr. Jeffrey Griffis
Chair, D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW
Suite 225 South
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Board of Zoning Adjustment Appeal No. 17249

Dear Mr. Griffis:

I am a member of a law firm in the Watergate complex and a resident of DC. I consider myself a member of the Foggy Bottom community because I and members and staff of my firm engage in the life of the neighborhood where we spend so much of our time. We understand that some members of the community who have made a habit of opposing everything that might add life and vitality to the neighborhood are opposing the establishment of public serving retail and food service establishments at GW University. This opposition is preposterous.

We urge the Zoning Administrator of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs to issue a certificate of occupancy for the food service venues located within the George Washington University Ivory Tower residence hall on its Foggy Bottom Campus

The establishments on the campus are a great service and convenience to an otherwise underserved area. The appeal filed by ANC 2A does not reflect the views of many of the residents of Foggy Bottom who appreciate the fact that establishments like Coggins Sandwich Shop, and other retail venues located on GW's campus, are not required to refuse services to those who are not affiliated with the university.

The food venues provide a useful service to the Foggy Bottom Community with no adverse impact on the use and enjoyment of neighboring property.

Sincerely,

Edward R. Levin

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