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Mr. Lloyd Jordan, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
c/o Office of Zoning
One Judiciary Square
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20001:

Re BZA No. 18722, Andrew Keegan Theatre Company

Dear Chairperson Jordan,

The Dupont Circle Village is pleased to write in support of the variance application of the Andrew Keegan Theatre Company.

The Church Street Theatre, under several different groups, has been a part of our community for the past 30 years. For the past eight years, the theatre, now known as the Andrew Keegan Theatre, has been a valuable asset and good neighbor to the Dupont Circle community. We are delighted that they have now purchased the building and are looking forward to the proposed renovations. The changes have been reviewed and approved by the ANC2B, the Dupont Circle Conservancy and the DC Historic Preservation Review Board. The renovations include a small addition to update the space, make it ADA accessible for patrons and provide additional bathrooms and workspace.

We understand that the Company, as sole owner of the property, is in the process of filing all the necessary paperwork with the various City Departments and that, as part of the process, they have had to apply for a use variance and appear before the Board of Zoning Adjustment in order to get a zoning exception for their continued use of the theatre as a performance space in a residential zone. For the Village, a local nonprofit organization, the continued existence of the Keegan Theatre in this venue is important. We encourage the BZA to approve this application. The Theatre, currently or in the past, has not adversely affected the residential character of the Dupont Circle neighborhood. And given the historic nature of the building, its use as a theatre preserves the character of Church Street and the Dupont Circle neighborhood.

We urge you to approve the use variance by The Andrew Keegan Theatre Company to keep this theatre as a fixture in our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Iris Molotsky, President
Dupont Circle Village



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