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Office of Zoning
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today in support of Compass Coffee's application for zoning relief in the matter of 1535 7th St NW Washington, DC 20001. This letter will provide details on the building's former use, as well as Compass Coffee's plan for it in the future.

Prior to our purchase of the lease, the building was a laundromat. It offered coin-operated laundry and drying services, as well as the option to purchase various items used for the purpose (detergent, lint towels, etc.). To be clear, it never was a dry cleaner, and therefore the site is free of any chemicals.

In the past decade, as the market and neighborhood changed, the laundromat fell into further and further disrepair. When the leadership of Compass Coffee visited the site, it happened to meet two police officers who said that the laundromat was being used as a place to conduct drug deals. Fortunately, when it came time for Compass coffee to sign its new lease, the laundromat pulled out its machines and the building is currently empty.

Our vision is to create a first rate coffee roaster and cafe in the space. It will be a place for the community to gather, to meet friends, to make new ones. It will serve coffee, tea, and freshly baked goods of the highest quality, in a pleasant and enjoyable atmosphere. What we have found is that unlike other cities of Washington's size, the District doesn't yet have a premier coffee company. We're the ones to create it.

If there are any further questions, please send me an email harrison@compasscoffee.com, or give me a call on my cell phone, 301-520-2261. I'm available any time.

Thank you,

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