

August 31, 2016

Marnique Heath, Chairperson D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW Suite 200-S Washington, D.C. 20001

## Re: Letter in Support of BZA Case No. 19343

Dear Chairperson Heath and Members of the Board:

I fully support the application for variances at 1355-1357 U Street, NW. I think that The Goldstar Group's project is a positive addition to the community and it will continue the development of street-level, neighborhood-serving retail that this community needs and wants. It will preserve and restore existing historic buildings and bring much-needed housing and affordable housing to our neighborhood. The building's new condos will help increase the housing supply and provide more housing types for residents.

In addition to bringing much needed retail and housing, the project will make walking along U Street more enjoyable and will add new residents to the street to patronize the existing shops and restaurants. The proposed project will help continue to create activity in this part of the neighborhood.

I welcome this project to the neighborhood and look forward to patronizing the retail shops and enjoying the historic renovations. I ask the Board to approve this application.

Sincerely,

Scott Spector Owner of two neighboring properties, 1359 U Street, N.W. and 1336 U Street, N.W.

Board of Zoning Adjustment District of Columbia CASE NO.19343 EXHIBIT NO.31