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Dear Chairwoman, DC Zoning Board,

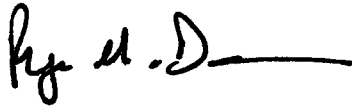
My name is Ryan Davis and I am a senior at The George Washington University. I am writing this letter in support of GWU's proposed development on Square 54. I believe the Square 54 plan is a great step forward for the university. It will give us the ability to renovate old academic buildings and build new ones. The plan will add a grocery store as well as other retail that will benefit not only the students but the community as well.

As a future alumnus, I support GW's overall campus plan, which calls for Square 54 to be the driving force behind new and updated construction on the university's campus. The development of Square 54 will allow GW to build a state-of-the-art science center on the current location of the university's parking garage. This science center will fill a gap currently at GW. GW is known for its political science and international affairs degree programs as well as its medical and law schools. Unfortunately, it lacks in science and engineering. Through the science center, GW will be able to attract students from a whole different concentration as well as be able to apply for more research grants.

Science and technology in the 21st Century is expensive. It is changing all the time and costs lots of money to keep up with. GW University's current science labs are very much out of date. Also, GW currently does not have the resources to accommodate the changing shift from off-campus to on-campus housing, renovate existing buildings, pay increasing employee benefit costs, as well as continuously support all of the existing academic programs, while constantly updating its science and technology. The development of Square 54 will give the University the resources necessary to build and update the science and technology necessary for the 21st Century while adding to its ability to be a world-class institution.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Ryan M. Davis

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