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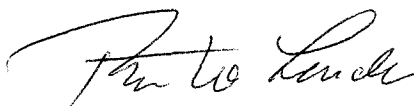
Dear Mr. Hood:

I am writing to you in support of the Giant proposal (PUD Case No. 08-15). As long time residents of Cleveland Park (20 years) my family has avoided shopping at the existing Giant store, with its cramped and inadequate facilities. A full service store with accompanying apartments, stores and restaurants would help turn this into a vital urban area.

The critics of this proposal -- the same small but vocal group which has opposed virtually every project in the area -- are employing the tactic of not attacking the project head on, but rather focus on alleged traffic issues. They exaggerate small problems and call for more traffic studies for miles around, from Connecticut Avenue to Rodman Street to Massachusetts Avenue, though, so far, they have not brought in the National Mall. Anything to delay the project in the hope that the sponsors will drop it. I am sure that there will be traffic problems, as there always will be in a live urban setting. However, there are also traffic benefits, since I and many others will no longer have to drive to Georgetown and Tenley to do our shopping.

I hope that you will give speedy approval to the long delayed project, with its housing for those who want to live in the city and economic benefits for those who already live here.

Sincerely,



Peter W. Lande

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CASE NO. 08-15
EXHIBIT NO. 39