30 June, 2000

Ms. Shelia Cross Reid
Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Case #16586
Hearing date: 7/5/0

Dear Ms. Reid and Members of the Board,

We are writing to support the application by the Charles E. Smith Companies (CES) for a special exception, or in the alternative, for a use variance, to permit the construction of an underground garage for the exclusive use by the future tenants of the Alban Towers Apartment Building. I understand that given it's historic listing, that property is exempt from the requirement for providing parking. Despite this fact, CES has decided to undertake the burden of providing such an amenity. As a resident of the immediate neighborhood and a licensed Architect in the District I feel strongly that this garage will help to reduce the impact that the renewed use of the Alban Towers will have on our neighborhood. We know that CES has implemented commendable solutions for potentially minimizing the impacts of construction as work has proceeded on the existing building and has demonstrated a willingness to work with the current residents of the neighborhood on many issues. We believe that CES will demonstrate a similar willingness to cooperate in the future during construction of the garage.

We look forward to having the residents of Alban Towers Apartment Building and CES as neighbors. Having their cars parked up and down our streets would be something the area would not bear well nor welcome. We urge you to approve the application before you.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application.

Sincerely,



Mr. & Mrs. Scott M. Foster
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