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(Re: BZA Application #16643)

Dear Director Kress:

I am writing in reference to the pending decision regarding the Georgetown Flea Market. I am opposed to the decision made by the Zoning Administrator to close the flea market at the Hardy School, and strongly support the pending appeal of this decision. I moved back into the District last May after having spent nearly eight years living in the suburbs. One of the principal factors influencing my decision to move into the City

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was that I wanted to be within walking distance of shops, restaurants, parks, and local treasures such as the Fla Market. I enjoy getting up on a Sunday morning and walking over to the Fla Market. This is the type of resource that should be treasured, and it drives me up the wall to read each week in the Georgetowner that a couple of cranky neighbors and bureaucrats are trying to shut the Fla Market down. I do not believe that the opponents of the Fla Market are at all representative of the views and sentiments of the community. Most of those who live around the Fla Market, like myself, want it to stay. I have read that the Flea Market has been at its present location for about 13 years, and

that the Flea Market has been in operation for the past 29 years. For over a decade, I understand that supporters were told that residential zoning would not affect the Flea Market's activities. But now, some idiots in the D.C. School Bureaucracy and the Zoning Office say differently. It is up to you to rectify this matter and protect the Flea Market from closure. I don't know whether you are elected or appointed, but I can assure you that I vote in every Democratic primary and in every general election, and I will never vote for someone who closes down the Flea Market. I urge you to approve the appeal in this matter. Thank you for your

consideration of this request.

Yours,

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