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Attention: Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA, Director

Dear Ms. Kress:

Re: Application Number 16687

I am a clinical psychologist with offices in the building which is the subject of the above application. As one of 13 mental health professionals leasing offices in this building, I am extremely concerned about the effect of the proposed zoning relief requested by JRB Companies in order to construct a 138-unit apartment house on the roof of 2440 M Street, N.W.

Variance from the floor area ratio requirements, as well as the potential construction noise and disruption, are of particular concern to me and my colleagues. Practicing our professions (psychiatry and psychology) requires that we sit quietly, without interruption or interference, for approximately an hour at a time, talking with our patients. The environmental, social and financial impact of a major construction project on our professional practices is potentially enormous. Our offices are at various distances from the site of the proposed construction. Most are within a few hundred feet and have large windows looking out on the site. We believe these factors make us unique as tenants. Therefore, we request party status for the mental health professionals who are tenants of 2440 M Street, N.W., for our appearance at the public hearing on April 24, 2001. We will oppose the application. I would like to speak on behalf of our group. Others, as well, may wish to speak and will be writing separate letters. At present, we have consulted but not engaged counsel. We will notify you if this changes.

I will be out of the country from March 30 through April 15, 2001. In my absence, please contact my colleague, Dr. Caroline Wohlgemuth, with whom I share Suite 512. She can be reached at (202) 293-0294 .

Sincerely,

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