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RE: BZA Case #16702
Hearing Date: April 17, 2001

Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing on behalf of Grace Episcopal Church in support of the application by Millennium Georgetown Partners LLC for variances from the height and FAR limitations of the Zoning Regulations.

Grace Episcopal Church (the "Church") is located across South Street, N.W. directly to the north of the Incinerator site. Due to the close proximity of the Incinerator site to the Church's property, the Church has had an interest in the development of the site. From the outset, Millennium has actively worked with the public, including the Church, neighbors and community organizations, in designing the project, and Millennium has made many changes in the project to accommodate concerns by the community.

Grace Church supported the project before the changes being discussed (addition of height and density), were proposed. The Church still supports the project and does not believe the proposed changes will adversely affect the neighborhood. I understand that the proposed changes will not have a significant visual impact on the neighborhood.

The Incinerator project will be a major contribution to street vitality with the uses it will provide, including the addition of a theater to the neighborhood, as well as through the added residences, retail, hotel and parking. The Church is relieved to see that the vacant, rat-infested, litter-strewn Incinerator complex is finally being renovated for the good of the community. As the Church and its school are located directly across from the development, we hope that the renovation will be completed without delay so that the area around the Church can return to normality.

We look forward to the development of the Incinerator site and the increased activity it will bring to this part of Georgetown.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application.

Sincerely,

David Bird

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