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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

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

Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing on behalf of the Georgetown Business and Professional Association in support of the application of Millennium Georgetown Partners LLC for variances from the height and FAR limitations of the Zoning Regulations.

Representing nearly 300 business entities located or doing business in Georgetown, The Georgetown Business and Professional Association has a great interest in seeing the development of the Incinerator site, which has stood largely vacant for over twenty (20) years. Millennium's proposed development for the Incinerator site is a welcome addition to the Georgetown community, both with respect to its residents, as well as its business community.

The proposed development not only provides entertainment and services for Georgetown residents through the retail and theater components of the development, these components will attract non-residents to the area, which will benefit surrounding business and retail establishments. Benefits include additional patronage of local retail stores and restaurants, as well as higher usage of local parking garages during off-peak hours from theater patrons. Lastly, the residential and hotel components of the development will bring additional life to an area of Georgetown where there is currently little residential use.

Millennium has taken great care to consider the community as a whole in developing the Incinerator site. The plans for the development have been carefully laid out, thoughtfully devised and presented to the community. We look forward to the completion of the development of the Incinerator site and the increased vitalization it will bring to the surrounding neighborhood.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application.

Sincerely,

Julia A. Horman, President
Georgetown Business & Professional Association