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District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA)
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 16726 (13th and U Streets, NW)

Dear Members of the Board:

As the Councilmember for Ward One, where proposed development will be located, I write to encourage you to support the request for special exemption and variance relief that is needed to allow this important project to become a reality.

I met last week with representatives from Donatelli & Klein and was shown the latest set of plans for Ellington Plaza, as well as, a description of the variances and exceptions requested from the BZA. This development continues to have my utmost support.

I have worked with the developer and community on this project since Donatelli & Klein first proposed an apartment building with first-floor retail for this site to WMATA in 1999.

Donatelli & Klein was subsequently awarded the right to purchase the property and has worked with community members, the Cardozo-Shaw Neighborhood Association, ANC 1-B, Greater U Street Historic Review Committee, and the Historic Preservation Review Board.

The plans have been well received and continuously improved upon the satisfaction and approval from all those listed above.

The areas of special exception and variance relief requested all appear to be comparatively inconsequential when compared to the great benefit this proposal will offer the residents of Ward One and the entire District.

I look forward to having the proposed project come to fruition and be built as per these plans to continue this neighborhood's revitalization. I therefore urge your support of this project.

Sincerely,

J. Graham

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