June 8, 2001

Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application No 16730

To whom it may concern:

As a 20 year+ owner in the Logan Circle neighborhood (the Iowa), I am writing in support of Bundy Development Corporation's Application # 16730 for a zoning adjustment for its land at 1320 13th Street. Bundy Development has shown their strong commitment to this neighborhood by locating their office here and by the quality of the construction of their first building, The Castle on Logan Circle. Their efforts have helped improved the quality of the neighborhood and the District.

I sat through the final committee meeting of the ANC and the ANC's commissioners' meeting on this zoning request. In my opinion a few of the commissioners pushed through their denial recommendation without giving proper consideration to the residents desires to allow this development to be completed as per their plans. In fact, before the commissioners voted they would not even allow me to speak to clarify and correct (what I believe to be) intentional misstatements made by the commissioner who presented their committee's recommendation.

I believe the developer did proper due diligence and research relating to the zoning prior to their purchase and I believe their actions were consistent with the actions any "reasonable business person" would take. (20/20 hindsight is certainly easy to use.)

In addition, the proposed building height of this building is significantly lower than the buildings on either end of that block of 13th St

Accordingly, I strongly urge you to approve the zoning variance for this property

Thank you for taking my support into account.

Sincerely,

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