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Dear Mr. Price:

The purpose of this correspondence is to submit my endorsement and request your support for the proposed development by Mr. Jay Hellman on the site of 500 New Jersey Ave NW (BZA Case #16744). The development of the site as proposed by The Hellman Company, inc. represents a unique opportunity for not only SMD 6A01, but for the citizenry of the District of Columbia at large. In the context of Mr. Hellman's comprehensive vision for the area, this development represents the first step toward the manifestation of a delightfully bustling corridor that would be a fitting gift to our great nation.

In the short time that I have been exposed to Mr. Hellman and his development plans for the site and the area, I am most impressed by his uncanny ability to bring together seemingly unrelated and certainly underutilized resources of varying genre in harmonious synthesis. The use of the existing underground infrastructure and strategic position of the 500 New Jersey Ave NW site relative to The US Capitol, I-395, Union Station and it's Metro, NOMA and the Massachusetts Ave thoroughfare epitomizes the idea of intelligent land use.

Mr. Hellman's plan displays incredible sensitivity to key aspects of development often overlooked by other developers. Having walked the proposed site with Jay, I find that his observations regarding the pedestrian experience have great merit. The architectural design of the proposed 12 story, 96,000 sf structure is consistent with the historical integrity of the region. It is aesthetically pleasing and because it will be built to human scale, offers a degree of pleasant functionality that is not often afforded by modern building design. Providing a view of the US Capitol Building to the pedestrian would undoubtedly deliver a splendor to the corridor currently unrealized.

I am aware that the building of the proposed structure would require a variance from the existing Euclidean zoning restrictions for a common building site. However, this unique site is surely a situation where case specific consideration should be employed.

As a representative of the residents of SMD 6A01, I emphatically endorse the proposed development of the 500 New Jersey Avenue NW site by Jay Hellman of The Hellman Company, inc. I would greatly appreciate your support of this project and your best efforts to expedite the acceptance and processing of its' BZA application which is critical to bringing the effort to fruition.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Hall, Commissioner ANC 6A01

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Case No. 16744
Exhibit No. 22

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
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