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REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

David S. Ball
President

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Mr. Eric Price, Deputy Mayor
for Economic Planning and Development
Government of the District of Columbia
One Judiciary Square
Washington, DC 20001

Re: 500 New Jersey Avenue, NW

Dear Mr. Price:

Union Station Redevelopment Corporation, USRC, offers this letter in support of Jay Hellman's planned project for the 500 block of New Jersey Avenue, N.W. As you know, USRC is actively pursuing circulation improvements at Columbus Plaza as well as reviewing the possible expansion of the Union Station garage. We want and need neighbors whose intent is to bring on line well thought-out projects within our neighborhood.

This appears to be one of the instances that variances are needed to obtain the highest and best use of the site. The help that your office provides in speeding Mr. Hellman's variance request along will solidify the future success of the project. The building is designed to create a sense of place on this uniquely shaped parcel.

We look at 500 New Jersey Avenue as an integral part of the Union Station neighborhood. The proposed 12-story office building fits well within the context of the neighborhood.

We thank you for reviewing and considering our request.

Sincerely,

David S. Ball

bbc: Jay Hellman

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