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

Dear Mr. Price:

I wish to submit my endorsement and request your support for the proposed development by The Hellman Company, Inc. on the site of 500 New Jersey Avenue, N.W. (BZA Case No. 16744).

Jay Hellman's development project is a very positive contribution to both DC generally and our Capitol Hill neighborhood. Very simply, the proposed 95,000 square foot office building is an outstanding use for this land, which is currently both unproductive and an eyesore. I urge you to grant the necessary zoning variances to build the right building on the right site.

I would appreciate your assistance in moving this zoning variance approval process forward. It is an opportunity to do something good for the city, the Capitol Hill neighborhood and the residents of the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

Gregory C. Stafford, CHA
General Manager

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Board of Zoning Adjustment
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