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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW Room 201
Washington, DC 20001

Re: 500 New Jersey Avenue, NW – BZA Applications No. 16744

Dear Ms. Reid,

The Hyatt Regency Washington is immediately south of the proposed project across E Street at 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW. My predecessor Gary Dollens wrote a strong letter of support on May 9, 2001, which I understand is already part of the public record. I am delighted this special project has received the expedited treatment it deserves.

Mr. Hellman's 500 New Jersey Avenue, NW project is the right building for a unique and important site. It would be a valuable addition to improve business in this neighborhood consistent with the philosophy and intent of the HR Overlay zoning that applies.

I am hopeful that you and your colleagues see the same merits that we do and that you can quickly approve the needed variances so the project can proceed.

Sincerely,

M.O.Smith

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cc. Jay Hellman

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