DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS

August 28, 2001

Sheila Cross Reid, Chairperson
And Members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th N.W., Suite 220
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: BZA Case #16761
3421 14th ST., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Dear Chairperson Reid:

Relative to the above referenced application, I would like to go on record with this letter of support for approval of the variance request. This is an important project that will contribute to the revitalization of the 14th Street commercial corridor. The building is located immediately adjacent to the Development Corporation of Columbia Heights headquarters. The formerly vacant property has a history of being a location for public drinking, loitering and trash accumulation. This block is an active commercial area with an existing Giant food store, a variety of service oriented corner stores and more recently office space for small business. The subject property is best used as a commercial property to contribute to District led economic development initiatives in the area.

In regard to the zoning regulations for a variance, I believe this property offers the following:

1. The property is unique and unusual in that is the only property on this block with an extension on the back which takes up almost the entire backyard.

2. There will be no adverse impact as to traffic, or parking, etc. The high level of renovation being performed to the property clearly contributes to setting a new standard for façade improvement in the neighborhood.

3. There is a growing demand for commercial office space on 14th Street to meet the needs of our expanding diverse population.

I appreciate your attention to this important advance for Columbia Heights,

Sincerely,

Robert Moore
President & CEO

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