The Downtown Cluster of Congregations

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Chairperson Sheila Cross-Reid & Members
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW #210
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Via fax & Post

Re: BZA Case #16763, 900 15th Street, NW

Dear Chairperson. Reid & Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for the variance requested in this matter with regards to the proposed courtyard.

I had the opportunity on Sept. 12th to visit the site. The proposed change, which would result in lowering the courtyard floor by about 5.75 feet, would result in a far more cohesive and visually enhanced courtyard for this project. Situated at the lower level, it would be level with the approved additional space surrounding the courtyard, as well as with the adjacent historical structure. It would seem to be a simple solution for creating a far more pleasing and architecturally improved project.

As you know, this agency has consistently sought the expansion of residential projects in the downtown area, and the adaptive re-use of historic buildings so that they could provide increased economic activity for the city and its residents. This project achieves those goals, and this variance would be consistent with those ends. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Terrance Lynch
Executive Director

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