COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001

October 1, 2001

D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
Room 220S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application of the American Chemical Society
BZA No. 16765

Members of the Board:

The American Chemical Society has been located in Ward 2 at the southeast corner of 16th and M Streets, N.W. since 1941. The American Chemical Society is the largest scientific society in the world and is an important non-profit organization in the District of Columbia.

I understand that you are considering an Application by the Society to enclose an existing patio adjacent to their building with a 1260 square foot glass enclosure. This glass enclosure has become necessary because of the Society's need to expand their on-site computer systems into basement space currently occupied by the employee lounge. The patio, currently used by employees during good weather, will thus be available for use by employees on a year-round basis. The Society has indicated that there is no other feasible alternative location for the expansion of their on-site computer space, or for the relocation of the employee lounge.

The new glass enclosure will be substantially screened from public view by the existing 8 foot wall surrounding the patio, and by the existing vegetation along 16th Street. Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B has voted to support this Application, and the adjacent neighbor, the University Club, has also indicated its support.

Based on all of the above, I urge the Board to approve this Application. thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jack Evans
Councilmember, Ward 2

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