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Ms. Jerrily R. Kress
Director
District of Columbia
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St NW, Suite 210
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Re: Application # 16779 Lot 34, Square 902- 400 block of 8th St SE

Dear Ms. Kress:

Barracks Row MainStreet, Inc is a non-profit community development organization incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia to promote the revitalization of the 8th Street. Utilizing the National Trust for Historic Preservation's successful Main Street model for downtown development, we have partnered with local residents, DC agencies, private foundations, and other non-profit groups to affect the economic revitalization of this once vibrant commercial corridor.

At a meeting of our Board of Directors held on October 10th 2001, Capitol Hill Investors, LLC , owner of the above lot situated in the 400 block of 8th Street SE, sought our support in their application for a special exception currently before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. Their concern is that without same, they will be limited to a building on the lot that will be cost prohibitive both to build and to lease.

We support their application for an exception based on the importance of their proposed construction to the greater Barracks Row revitalization effort. Over the last 25 years, the subject lot has remained an unattractive "gap" right at the gateway to the 8th Street corridor. The proposed design would fill the "gap" with an aesthetically pleasing building in character with the commercial historic district, similar to those that the applicant built on the D Street side of their property. In addition, the proposed building would increase the amount of retail space available to 8th Street businesses looking to expand or to new businesses we recruit to help meet the needs of local residents.

Accordingly, our Board of directors voted to support their application and to send this letter of support to the BZA. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Jill A. Dowling
Executive Director

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