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Re: BZA Application No. 16843
800 8th Street, N.W.

Dear Members of the Board:

I am the Pastor of Greater New Hope Baptist Church which abuts 800 8th Street, N.W. on the north. On behalf of the Church, I am writing in support of BZA Application No. 16843 for minor relief from the parking and access requirements of the Zoning Regulations.

The minor relief that has been requested in the application will not have any adverse impact on our Church's operations or the availability of on-street parking in the area around the site. My understanding is that most employees and visitors to the site will either use the Gallery Place Metro station, public transportation or taxicabs to reach the site and there is an abundance of off-street parking in the area to serve the few people who do decide to drive to the site.

I urge the Board to support the application. It would be unfortunate to deny the parking and access relief where there is no adverse impact to the neighboring properties, and the condition of the site and difficulty in complying with the Regulations warrant the requested relief.

Sincerely,

Melvin G. Brown

The Reverend Melvin G. Brown
Pastor
Greater New Hope Baptist Church

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