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District of Columbia
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
Room 220
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 16843 (Application of Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life regarding 800 8th Street, NW)

Dear Members of the Board:

As the Ward Councilmember representing this area, it is with pleasure that I write to urge your approval of the application of Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life for a minor deviation from the amount of parking required for the building at 800 8th Street, NW as well as the access requirement for parking at the site.

Allowing a reduction of only 3 spaces from the otherwise required 17 spaces will not adversely affect the area given the abundance of parking and transit resources in close proximity to the site. The Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro is within one block of the building. In addition, there are several parking garages and lots within walking distance to the building, including the MCI Center parking garage. The 700 space parking garage that is planned for the Gallery Place development will also be a resource for parking when completed in the very near future. In any event, the surrounding parking lots and garages will be able to absorb the de minimus demand for parking that may be generated by the uses at the site. In addition, ANC 2C voted unanimously to support this application.

Again, I urge your approval of Hillel's application. Granting this minor request for relief, which is necessitated by the extremely small and narrow size of the site and the unique needs of an organization that will add tremendously to the fabric of our City's thriving Downtown area, is a positive message that our Boards recognize and are able to accomodate those organizations who will improve our downtown.

Sincerely,

Jack Evans

Jack Evans
Councilmember, Ward 2

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