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Re: Application For Variance - 2831 Fifteenth Street, N.W. (Lot 826, Square 2669)

Dear Messrs. Von Salzen and Wilson:

La Clinica del Pueblo ("La Clinica") hereby authorizes you, and the law firm of Hogan & Hartson L.L.P., to act as La Clinica's agent in connection with the above-referenced application, and to receive all notices, execute any documents, and do any other acts necessary or convenient to the furtherance of the application, on behalf of La Clinica.

Very truly yours,

Peter Shields, M.D.
President

Enclosures

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