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D.C. OFFICE OF ZONING


Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 4th Street, N.W.
Suite 210 South
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: **Letter in Support of Board of Zoning Adjustment Case No. 16897, Square 486, Lots 801, 802 and 803**

Dear Members of the Board:

We represent the condominium associations of The Pennsylvania, 601 Pennsylvania, Avenue, N.W.; Market Square West, 801 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.; Market Square East, 701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.; and the tenants of The Lansburgh, 420 7th Street, N.W. and The Lexington Apartments, 400 Eighth Street, N.W..

As representatives of the residents living to the south and west of the above proposed project, we are enthusiastic about the prospect of new residents living in our neighborhood and accordingly **strongly support the proposed apartment house to be developed at 6th Street, N.W. between G and H Streets, N.W.** (the Site).

The MCI Center and the other ongoing projects in our neighborhood have already and will continue to create a strong retail and entertainment presence in our Pennsylvania Quarter neighborhood. Now, it is important to construct residential units to further the idea of a living downtown. The Site is an ideal location for residential building and will be a significant addition to the development of the area. However, the small size of the Site renders development of residential building infeasible without relief from the Board of Zoning Adjustment. We believe


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that the current residents of the neighborhood will benefit from having more residents in the area. With more residents, we hope the Pennsylvania Quarter will finally attract and support a grocery store which our residents desperately need.

Downtown Housing Now Committee supports this project and does not believe that the project will adversely impact adjacent or nearby sites. Accordingly, we request approval of the above-referenced Board of Zoning Adjustment case.

Sincerely yours,

Charles A. Docter, Chairman

cc: Board Members
Jeff Miller