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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210 South
Washington, D.C. 20001
ATTN: Members of the Board

Re: Letter in Support of Board of Zoning Adjustment Case No. 16897
Square 486, Lots 8, 801,802, and 803

Dear Members of the Board:

On behalf of The John Akridge Companies ("Akridge"), I write this letter to express our support for the proposed apartment house to be developed by JBG/JER 6th Street, L.L.C. at 6th Street, NW, between G and H Streets, NW. Akridge is an owner and co-developer of the Gallery Place development at 7th and H Streets, NW. Gallery Place is a mixed-use development including retail, residential and office uses. Akridge is also the developer of 700 Sixth Street, NW, an office building to be built across Sixth Street from the subject site.

With the continuing development of Gallery Place, we strive to create a living and vibrant downtown. In order to achieve this goal, residential developments must follow in the wake of the significant mixed-use development at Gallery Place. The site for the proposed development has historically been an unimproved surface parking lot and is an ideal location for an apartment house. The planned residential use will be a welcome addition to the neighborhood, and we anticipate that the tenants of this development will shop, work and be entertained at Gallery Place. We see the addition of more residential units as complementing the residential component of our project. Furthermore, we see no adverse impact of this project as a result of the requested variance and special exception relief.

The John Akridge Companies support this project and the requested variance and special exception relief.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Wilbur
Senior Vice President

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