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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

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 Washington Sports and Entertainment ("WSE"), 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, N.W., between G and H Streets, N.W. WSE is the owner and developer of MCI Center, which is located approximately one-half block from the proposed development.

Since the development of MCI Center, we are proud to see how this area has grown, both in terms of retail and office developments as well as in terms of planned residential projects. In order to have a living downtown, it is important that these planned residential developments be realized. The proposed site for this development is currently underutilized and is an ideal location for residential units, especially with its proximity to the surrounding commercial developments and the Gallery Place Metro Station. We believe that this development will be a significant addition to the neighborhood, and we see no adverse impact on the neighborhood as a result of the requested variance and special exception.

Accordingly, WSE is in favor of the Board of Zoning Adjustment's approval of the requested variance and special exception relief.

Sincerely,

Abe Pollin
Chairman of the Board and Chief
Executive Officer
Washington Sports and Entertainment L.P.

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