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

Re: Board of Zoning Adjustment Case No. 16930
500 New Jersey Avenue, N.W.

Dear Members of the Board:

The National Park Service (NPS) has had the opportunity to review the design for the new National Association of Realtors (Association) headquarters building at 500 New Jersey Avenue, NW.

The NPS believes that the design by the architectural firm of Graham Gund and Associates will be a welcome addition to the landscape of the area and will bring a prototypical level of environmental sensitivity through its "green" features. In addition, we look forward to working with the developer and the Association in creating appropriate features for the unique expanse of public space around the building and the park area in our jurisdiction at Reservation No. 196.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our comments about this project.

Sincerely,

Sally K. Blumenthal
Deputy Associate Regional Director
Lands, Resources and Planning

cc:
Whayne Quin
Holland & Knight

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