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Chairman Geoffrey Griffis
District of Columbia Board of Zoning and Adjustment
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Dear Chairman Griffis,

I am writing to you in your role as Chairman of the District of Columbia Board of Zoning and Adjustment to add my support to the decision by the National Association of Realtors (NAR) to design and build a Washington, DC headquarters on Capitol Hill at 500 New Jersey Avenue, NW. It is my understanding that the NAR is expected to occupy more than 30,000 square feet of the building, with the remaining space being leased to other office users desiring access to the Capitol Hill area.

As President and Chief Elected Officer of the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), I think it is important to note that this will once again make the NAR a major property owner in the District of Columbia. More importantly, as someone who represents ASAE, also an owner of significant property in the District, I am very pleased to learn that the modern design of the building demonstrates a concern for the environment and will be aesthetically pleasing. The NAR leadership is committed to respecting the diversity of the community and its neighbors. In addition, the decision by the NAR to build its headquarters in Washington, DC will bring added revenues and employment opportunities to the city.

In summary, I believe the NAR has gone above and beyond in their efforts to insure that their headquarters building would enhance the Capitol Hill location. I urge the approval of this exciting project by the Board of Zoning and Adjustment. Thank you for the consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

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