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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Chairman
District of Columbia Board of Zoning and Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Griffis:

I write this letter to express my support for the proposed National Association Realtors (NAR) headquarters building at 500 New Jersey Avenue, NW. I am very interested in the development of this site because the dramatic and modern design of the new building will be aesthetically pleasing and set a new standard for the Capitol Hill area, while respecting the diversity of the community and its neighbors.

NAR is the largest trade association in the world with more than 850,000 members. NAR is affirming its commitment to participate actively in the District of Columbia on federal policy with the presence of its new $45 million building. The building is designed to meet high environmental standards, a building of the future. In the context of September 11th, NAR wants the world to know that organized real estate is devoted to the District and intends to keep its permanent Washington presence in the District. NAR's decision to construct its Washington, DC headquarters on Capitol Hill will also bring considerable revenues and employment opportunities to the city.

The proposed building will serve as a prototype for future developments as a result of the important "green" features incorporated into the design. I strongly support this development at this location and request the Board approve the application.

Sincerely,

Connie Morella

Constance A. Morella
Member of Congress

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