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

Dear Chairman Griffis:

I am a resident of the District of Columbia and a twelve-year employee of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® (NAR). I was in attendance at the NAR Board of Directors meeting in May, 2002, when the decision to buy property at 500 New Jersey Avenue, NW was ratified. Needless to say, as a District resident, I am extremely pleased that my association decided to build a major new headquarters on Capitol Hill as opposed to northern Virginia or southern Maryland.

When I first viewed the artists' rendering of the proposed building I was so proud that NAR has made an obvious and concerted effort to build a structure of which the neighborhood and the entire national Capital region can be proud. As an NAR lobbyist, I spend much of my day on Capitol Hill. I am certain that our building will be responsible for bringing much needed commercial and retail space to that part of the Hill.

Again, I am very proud of the efforts of NAR to raise the standard of construction and design in the nation's Capital and I do hope you will agree that my association is heading in the right direction in undertaking this major project.

Sincerely,

John M. Sebree

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