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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

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Dear Chairman Griffis:

The Capitol Hill area of Washington, DC is a vital landmark in the Washington Metropolitan area and our nation as a whole. The Hill is the center of government the home of influential residents and powerful organizations and an inspiration to tourists from every where in the United States and throughout the world. In the midst of the recent tragedies in the Washington, DC area and our nation, bringing new business and development to The Hill area requires courage and is critical to continuing the recovery process.

I am writing to you as the general manager of a local business entity in support of the construction of the new National Association of Realtors (NAR) building. Our hotel has been located on Capitol Hill since 1970. I have managed the Holiday in on the Hill for six years. Over the years we have seen the positive results of growth, new business investment and the building of new communities as well as the refurbishment of old neighborhoods in our immediate and surrounding areas. We believe this Class "A" project will add to the overall quality and atmosphere of our area.

The following are a few key points to consider:

- The NAR building will bring a stable tenant with National ties to our neighborhood thus increasing business.
- About 60,000 square feet of the project will be leased to outside tenants giving smaller business owners and organizations the opportunity to lease prime real-estate
- Most of the $45 million in construction spending will go to Washington, DC based construction firms and the hundreds of professionals and tradesmen employed by these companies
- Permanent jobs for D.C. residents will be created by this development when it is completed.
- Significant tax revenues will be guaranteed by this currently idle and difficult to develop site
- The plans for the NAR building will make it one of the most environmentally "green" commercial structures in the nation

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This is another prime opportunity to regain the growth momentum our region has experienced in recent years. The NAR building and it's future tenants will be good for our community and we wish to express our unequivocal support for this project and encourage The District of Columbia Board of Zoning and Adjustments to approve it without delay.

Best Regards,

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