THE HOTEL GEORGE

September 24, 2002

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

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

Dear Members of the Board:

On behalf of Capitol Hotel, LLC, I write this letter to express our support for the proposed NAR Headquarters building to be constructed at 500 New Jersey Avenue, N.W. Capitol Hotel, LLC is the owner of The Hotel George located at 15 E Street, NW.

The proposed development will be a significant and positive addition to this area near the Capitol. Have you seen the eyesore that currently exists on this site? The site for the proposed development is underused and unappealing for pedestrians and area workers and residents. It is a horrible representation of our capital city! Although development plans have been proposed for this site in the past, none have come to fruition. We applaud the NAR and its commitment to develop this site and locate its headquarters here. NAR does substantial business with hotels and the business they and their tenants will bring to the area will certainly be welcomed and good for economic development.

We find the building to be ingenious! We have reviewed renderings of the building and believe its design will set a higher standard for the neighborhood without being disruptive to surrounding buildings. Its innovative design is necessary to develop the triangular lot. We are especially impressed with the environmental features of this development and believe that the development's sensitivity to environmental issues will serve as a model for buildings in the future. We also understand that the site was previously approved for the development of an office building with similar height and density, so see no reason why this building should not be built.

Take a look at what is (or isn't) on this site today and you will see that the proposed building is a great asset. The Hotel George welcomes another contemporary building in the neighborhood.

In summary, The Hotel George strongly supports this project. Please move forward.

Sincerely,

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General Manager

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