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Chairman Geoffrey Griffis
District of Columbia Board of Zoning and Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.
Suite 210 South
Washington, D.C. 20001

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Dear Chairman Griffis:

Besides being a new Member of Congress, I am also a long time member of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS (NAR). It has come to my attention that my professional association has made the decision to build a state of the art headquarters on Capitol Hill. I commend NAR for choosing to locate their building within blocks of the U.S. Capitol building and am proud of the leadership shown by my association.

Earlier this year, one of the first votes I took as a new Member of Congress was on the Brownfields Revitalization Act. The purpose of this now new law is to return dormant mildly contaminated commercial properties to the marketplace. While I in know way wish to imply that the site at 500 New Jersey Ave, NW is a brownfields site, NAR's plans to put a first class building on this site will be a great improvement to this now underutilized property.

The plans that have been shared with me detail a building that will be a great addition to the Capitol Hill neighborhood. It is my understanding that the features planned will create one of the most environmentally friendly buildings in the city. A building that will be a good example for other projects in the city.

I would appreciate your taking my views into consideration as you deliberate. If you wish to speak to me further about this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

John Sullivan
Member of Congress

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