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

Dear Chairman Griffis:

The purpose of this letter is to provide support for the proposed National Association of Realtors building on the site of 500 New Jersey Avenue, N.W.

The proposed development will undoubtedly greatly improve the site, which has long been blight on the neighborhood with its boarded up gas station and neglected grounds. We are encouraged that a group has finally put together a proposal that makes sense and has the commitment and resources to make the proposal a reality.

The N. A. R. has shared with us its renderings and design concept for building on this triangular plot. The site is challenging, but it would appear to us at the Phoenix Park Hotel that they have a very aesthetically pleasing design that encompasses some very environmentally sensitive features.

Chairman Griffis, I am aware that the site was previously approved for an office building with similar height and density. Thus I want to lend our support and offer encouragement with the hope that you and the Board of Zoning Adjustment will approve the proposed N.A.R. building being built. I look forward to the physical improvements to the area and to welcoming people who will be good neighbors.

Sincerely,

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