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2736 Cortland Place, N.W.
Washington, DC 20008
September 30, 2002

Chairman Geoffrey Griffis
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairman Griffis,

I am writing in support of the construction of the National Association of REALTORS® building at 500 New Jersey Avenue NW. Here are some points in favor of the new building I feel you should know about:

- The National Association of Realtors®, the largest trade association in the world with more than 850,000 members, is affirming its commitment to participate actively in the District of Columbia on federal policy with the presence of its new $45 million building on Capitol Hill within three blocks of the U.S. Capitol at 500 New Jersey Avenue, N.W. The building is designed to meet high environmental standards, a building of the future.

- In the context of September 11th, NAR wants the world to know that organized real estate is devoted to DC and intends to keep its permanent Washington presence in the District.

- NAR's decision to construct its Washington, D.C., headquarters on Capitol Hill will also bring considerable revenues and employment opportunities to the city. NAR will once again be a major property owner in the District of Columbia.

- The design concept was designed by Graham Gund and Associates, an internationally renowned architectural firm, and applauded by some of the most prominent architects in the Washington, D.C., area.

- The dramatic and modern design of the new building will be aesthetically pleasing and set a new standard for the Capitol Hill area, while respecting the diversity of the community and its neighbors.

- The new building demonstrates caring for the environment and will serve as an example for future construction. When it is completed, the building will be a point of pride that shows the global community that the Capital of the Free World is committed to an environmentally sound community (see green features list).

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- The NAR is expected to occupy over 30,000 square feet of the building, with remaining space being leased to other stable office users desiring access to Capitol Hill; professionals who work in the building will spend money in area shops, facilities, food services and other enterprises that follow.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns as a resident of Washington, DC.

Sincerely,



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Business Analyst
National Association of REALTORS®