THE LENKIN COMPANY

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Board of Zoning Adjustment
for the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Board of Zoning Adjustment Cast No. 16930
500 New Jersey Avenue, NW

Dear Members of the Board:

I write this letter to express my support for the proposed NAR headquarters building at 500 New Jersey Avenue, NW. I am very interested in the development of this site because I own property in the area at 440 First Street.

I am extremely pleased with the NAR's decision to locate its headquarters building in this area. This development will not only serve to improve the surrounding area aesthetically, but will also bring new business to the neighborhood. In addition, the development will strengthen the area's businesses as the professionals who work in the building will spend money in area shops, facilities, food services and other enterprises that follow.

I have reviewed information regarding the design and the resulting application to this Board. The site is unusually small in size and narrow in shape, making construction of the building virtually impossible without the relief requested as part of this application.

The proposed building is dramatic and modern and will serve as a prototype for future developments as a result of the important "green" features incorporated into the design. I strongly support this development at this location and request that the Board approve the above-referenced application.

Very truly yours,

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