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Dear Ms. Mitten:

I was very pleased to learn that the National Association of Realtors is planning a new headquarters building in Washington's East End. As you know, the immediate area surrounding the NAR site has been rather neglected for some time, and I am hopeful that an important new headquarters building such as this will go a long way toward revitalizing this potentially important part of the center city.

I was also delighted when I saw the plans for the building, by architect Graham Gund. I believe this will be a great addition to the architecture of Washington. The elegant, sculptural form of the building responds beautifully to the difficult, narrow site. Especially encouraging is the architect's commitment to designing an environmentally responsible structure – perhaps this project can serve as a model for sustainable design and development in the nation's capital.

This project has the potential to become a significant architectural landmark. I hope the Zoning Commission will act favorably upon the project.

Sincerely,

Susan Henshaw Jones

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