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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
District of Columbia Board of Zoning and Adjustment
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Dear Chairman Griffis,

I write to express my support for the proposed National Association of Realtors (NAR) headquarters building at 500 New Jersey Avenue, NW. I am very interested in the development of this site because 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 commonality and its neighbors.

NAR is the largest trade association in the world with more than 850,000 members. NAR is affirming its commitment to participate actively in the District of Columbia on federal policy with the presence of its new $45 million building. The building is designed to meet high environmental standards, a building of the future. By building on Capitol Hill despite terrorist strikes on high-visibility targets, NAR would be letting the world know that organized real estate is devoted to the District and intends to keep its permanent Washington presence in the District.

NAR's decision to construct its Washington, DC headquarters on Capitol Hill will also bring considerable revenues and employment opportunities to the city.

The proposed building 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 the Board approve the application.

Sincerely,

THOMAS M. REYNOLDS
United States Representative

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