September 27, 2002

Chairman Geoffrey Griffis
District of Columbia Board of Zoning and Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

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Dear Chairman Griffis:

This letter is to express enthusiastic support for the new building planned by the National Association of Realtors to be built at 500 New Jersey Avenue, NW. I am particularly impressed by both the positive economic impact locally, and most assuredly by the aesthetic improvement that the Graham Gund design will bring to that neighborhood.

I am a resident of Washington DC, and I work at the Smithsonian. I am familiar with many of the concerns for which the Board of Zoning and Adjustment is correctly responsible. I also know the National Association of Realtors – one of the nation's biggest and best-run trade associations – and many of its members. This is why I believe you should support this new building.

The National Association of Realtors represents more than 800,000 members whose individual livelihood is fundamentally connected to personal integrity. This sense of integrity is magnified by the Association, who maintains the highest standards for its industry and who represents "the American Dream" of homeownership to our nation's leaders.

There could not be a better neighbor in Capitol Hill. The proposed design of the building is beautiful, and it will replace a blighted lot that has for too long imposed upon that neighborhood a negative luster.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to hear more from this citizen of the City, who applauds the National Association of Realtors' development of 500 New Jersey Avenue.

Sincerely,

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