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Chairman Geoffrey Griffis
District of Columbia Board of Zoning and Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210 South
Washington, Dc 20001

Dear Chairman Griffis:

As a practicing Washington architect and a former member of both the Joint Committee of the Federal Fine Arts Commission and the National Capital Planning Commission for Historic Landmarks in the District of Columbia, I am writing in support of the remarkable design produced by the office of Graham Gund, FAIA, for the National Association of Realtors to be built at 500 New Jersey Avenue, NW.

The National Association of Realtors is the largest trade association in the world with more than 850,000 members. Their presence in our city is important in that it is a statement of this august organization that they believe in a permanent Washington presence in the District.

The design of the building is at once beautiful and of our time, which will contribute aesthetically to the Capital Hill area while at the same time respecting the diversity of it's surrounding neighbors.

Very truly yours,

Hugh Newell Jacobsen

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CC: Richard Rosenthal, Real Property Operations Committee

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