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Chairman Geoffrey Griffis
District of Columbia
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.
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Dear Mr. Chairman,

As the former Architect of the Capitol, and therefore an ex officio commission member, I personally attended meetings of the District of Columbia Zoning Commission for almost twenty-five years. On the basis of that experience and effort of behalf of the district, I was therefore pleased to have been asked to be on the design jury for the proposed NAR building at 500 New Jersey Avenue, N.W.

In my opinion, it will be a significant addition to the architecture of the Capitol Hill neighborhood. It is a dramatic design that will nevertheless respect the existing community esthetics. In addition to its appearance, the building will set a high standard for its environmental sensitivity. The design includes air quality control, glazing that benefits thermal heat dissipation, a sun control system, a recyclable water system and lighting systems and controls. These "unseen" features are a benefit to the while community.

Further, Graham Gund Architects, the winners of the design completion, can be counted on to protect the design as the inevitable modifications take place during the development of the concept design to the final drawing stage.

The other benefits to the community, financial and so forth, seem obvious. I therefore urge your favorable consideration and approval of the project.

Cordially,

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