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

Dear Mr. Griffis:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed National Association of Realtors (NAR) headquarters building at 500 New Jersey Avenue, NW.

With more than 850,000 members, NAR is the largest trade association in the world and is committed to participating actively in the District of Columbia on federal policy with the presence of its new $45 million building. All indications point toward a long-term commitment on the part of NAR to keep its permanent Washington metropolitan area presence in the District.

Undoubtedly, NAR's decision to construct its Washington, D.C. headquarters on Capitol Hill will have the potential to bring considerable revenues and employment opportunities to the city. In addition to construction, future professionals working in the building will spend money in area shops, facilities, and restaurants. Finally, George White, a former architect of the Capitol, was a member of the jury that selected the building's design.

For the above reasons, I want to extend my support to NAR's proposed development at this location and I would request an expeditious review of this matter.

Sincerely,

Jack Reed

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