September 24, 2002

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

Dear Mr. Griffis:

As a 23-year resident of the District of Columbia, I'm greatly encouraged by the progress that has been achieved in the District on a number of fronts over the past few years. I'm convinced that the District of Columbia has a bright future as a world-class city, and I'm proud to live here. As a 12-year employee of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®, I'm also proud of my company's contribution to this effort. NAR established an office in the District in the 1970s in order to advocate our members' interests in the U.S. Congress. Our presence here represents our strong commitment not only to our members' interests, but to the District of Columbia as well.

Now, NAR is affirming our commitment by proposing to build a new $45 million building on Capitol Hill, within three blocks of the U.S. Capitol. This decision indicates NAR's intention to maintain a permanent presence in the nation's capital. The new building will contribute to the revitalization of the city by generating considerable revenue and employment opportunities. Furthermore, the building's conformance to high environmental standards demonstrates deep respect for the environment. A variety of features will make the building highly resource- and energy-efficient. It will illustrate the District's leadership in support of environmentally-sensitive development, and it will serve as an example for future construction.

I urge you to approve construction of the new NAR building at 500 New Jersey Avenue, NW. NAR is a strong and committed partner in ensuring the continued vitality of Washington, DC.

Sincerely,

Joe Maheady
Senior Environment Policy Representative
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
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