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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.
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Re: **Letter in Support of Board of Zoning Adjustment Case No. 16930**
500 New Jersey Avenue, N.W.

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Dear Members of the Board:

I write this letter to express my support for the proposed NAR Headquarters building designed by Graham Gund Architects to be constructed at 500 New Jersey Avenue, N.W. I am very familiar with the design of this building, having served as a member of the three person jury who selected the design for the NAR. Harry Robinson, the Chair of the Commission of Fine Arts, George White, the former Architect of the Capitol, and I unanimously selected this design in that competition.

I have practiced architecture for forty years in the Washington, D.C., area, and I am excited to see such a unique and beautiful building planned for this special location near the Capitol. Graham Gund has designed a flagship building that will become an important part of this area. Not only will the NAR headquarters be a significant addition to the architecture of the Capitol Hill area, it also serves as a model environmental development to be emulated over time.

I strongly support this project and request that the Board of Zoning Adjustment approve the requested variance and special exception relief.

Sincerely,

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