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Mr. Geoffrey H. Giffif
Chairman, Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W., Room 200

RE; BZA Case # 16938

Dear Chairman Giffif,

I am a lifetime resident of the Shaw Community and fully support the referenced application to continue use of the parking lot at 1902 Vermont Avenue NW. Presently, my residence abuts the referenced lot

As a very young child I became familiar with the many wonderful activities provided by the Masons for the youth in this city. When my children became of age, I was delighted that they also were able to visit The Masonic Temple and engage in wholesome activities in a safe and healthy environment The adjunct of the parking lot as an accessory to 1000 U Street only served to enhance accessibility to the many programs serving this community.

One of the best things to happen in the Shaw area was when the Masons commenced to utilize the site at 1902 Vermont Avenue NW as a parking lot, some twenty- five (25) years ago. Prior to that time, this site housed a blighted and deteriorated apartment building. It was inhibited by drug addicts, and other undesirables who polluted the area with trash, noise and fear. Since its inception, the lot has always been well maintain and kept in an environmental safe condition. It has served to free up additional on street parking for area residents and in my opinion, contributed to a reduction in air pollution by reducing the number of automobiles circling or idling in search of parking.

Because of the rapid commercial revitalization of the U street corridor in recent years, without provisions for additional parking, I strongly support the approval of this application.

Sincerely,

Luester Hainsworth

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