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Mr. Geoffrey H. Giffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW. Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Reference: BZA Case No. 16938

Dear Chairman Giffis:

Shiloh Baptist Church of Washington supports the zoning relief sought by the Most Worship Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington, D.C. in the above-captioned case. We have a strong and productive civic relationship with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington, D.C. for many years.

The request for the special exception that the Grand Lodge seeks is a common sense approach to the neighborhood's "on street" parking problem. The Shaw neighborhood is in the midst of a major economic and cultural renewal. The flow of car traffic into the area has made parking increasingly scarce. Our church strongly believes that new business ventures such as restaurants and retail stores can only help to strengthen the community. At the same time business interests should not be preferred over the interest of civic groups, especially not groups of such stature and staying power that have helped build the community from the ground up. It is clear to Shiloh that the Grand Lodge has a genuine need for the continued use of their parking lot.

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We ask the Board of Zoning Adjustment to consider all the available evidence that would shed light on this subject. The "Masons" have been an integral part of the Shaw community since 1848 and have been at their current location since 1929. The Masons have demonstrated an altruistic nature in all of their community endeavors. Their aspirations have consistently been in line with the best interests of and in tune with the pulse of the community that the Grand Lodge has had since 1974.

Sincerely,

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