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HISTORIC HOUSE AND GARDEN

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Enclosed please find another letter of support for case #16974. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Chris A. Wilson
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Tudor Place Historic House and Garden
1605 32nd Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007

January 31, 2003

Re: BZA Application No. 16974

Dear Mr. Wilson:

As a neighbor of Tudor Place Historic House and Garden, I am writing in support of your application to continue your special exception to operate as a museum. As a non-profit museum that preserves and promotes a national architectural and historic landmark, Tudor Place provides an important contribution to the neighborhood as well as the nation.

My experience with the current Tudor Place staff has been quite positive. I have found your and your colleagues highly professional and sensitive to community concerns. They have made every effort to accommodate my concerns and those of my neighbors. More important, your public educational programs that appeal to a range of interests and age groups are a welcome addition to the community.

I appreciate having an historic site of such importance at my doorstep. Its 5 ½ acres of gardens and lawn provide Georgetown with much needed green space, and its expansive street frontage enhances the accessibility of parking in the neighborhood. Tudor has helped make our neighbor an unusual and welcome oasis in the bustling city.

I have reviewed the special exception application that was shared with the neighbors twice prior to its submission. Changes to the proposed restrictions on operation were made according to the wishes of certain neighbors. I have not been disturbed by its operation in the past, and I believe that the restrictions on operation that you are currently proposing are more than adequate to ensure that Tudor Place's operation as a museum continues to have no adverse impact on the surrounding residential neighborhood

In sum, I believe that Tudor Place's value as an active testament to the history of Georgetown which is in turn the history of the United States strongly supports the necessity of it continuing to operate under its special exception.

Sincerely,



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