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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Chairman Griffis:

We are writing regarding the application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) requesting an extension of a special exception for the non-profit organization use of Tudor Place and the Dower House. By virtue of a Deed dated November 15, 1966, Armistead Peter, 3rd, the former owner, conveyed a series of scenic easement interests in the Tudor Place property to the United States. The purpose of Mr. Peters' conveyance was to preserve and protect the historic and scenic resources of Tudor Place for the inspiration and benefit of the people of the United States.

Throughout the United States' ownership of an easement interest in Tudor Place, representatives of Tudor Place and the National Park Service (NPS) have cohesively worked together to ensure the house and grounds are maintained in the manner prescribed by Mr. Peter in the 1966, Deed. The guidelines employed to achieve the principles of Mr. Peter's conveyance are the Department of the Interior (DOI) Standards for Historic Preservation. Continued success in maintaining and interpreting this historic resource will require Tudor Place to retain a professional staff knowledgeable of DOI's Historic Preservation Standards. However, as a non-profit organization, funding the requisite staff will continue to pose a challenge. Through continued museum tours and limited special events Tudor Place has endeavored to meet its financial obligations.

We look forward to a continued relationship with the Tudor Place staff to ensure this historic resource is preserved for the benefit of future generations. It is our hope that a special exception can be granted in harmony with the surrounding community.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Terry R. Carlstrom

Regional Director, National Capital Region

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