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Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW, Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

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Dear Chairman Griffis:

This letter is in support of the application for a special exception under the DC Zoning Regulations filed by Sun Service, Inc., Bekir Gunes, Owner. Sun Service seeks to use the property located at 1701 Kalorama Road, NW, as space for a valet parking garage as part of its operations of a valet parking service in the commercial corridors of Adams Morgan.

Under the Zoning Regulations at 11 DCMR 1403.1(a), a special exception in this case is warranted because the intended use comports with the stated purposes of the Reed-Cooke Overlay District. The valet service that Sun Service provides: 1) does not affect height, density, or the housing stock; 2) constitutes the services of a small business, which is encouraged; and 3) protects the nearby residences from damaging traffic, parking, environmental, and social impacts, as provided in the Reed-Cooke Overlay District General Provisions of 11 DCMR 1400.2.

That Sun Service, Inc. provides a service that is essential to the Adams Morgan community is reflected in my frequent interactions with the many constituents who decry the state of parking in the neighborhood. Given the unique nature of Adams Morgan as both a neighborhood and a popular regional entertainment district, it is critical that this convenient and unobtrusive parking service be maintained so as to ensure much-needed parking relief to neighborhood residents and to maintain a flourishing business district.

Sincerely,

Jim Graham

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cc: Bekir Gunes

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