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VIA HAND DELIVERY

D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
Suite 210
441 4th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Application for Special Exception and Variances for Newseum
555 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Dear Members of the Board:

Enclosed, please find an application and supporting materials requesting approval of a special exception and variances to allow the construction of the Newseum at 555 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (Square 491, lots 826 and 831). We have enclosed the following:

- A completed BZA Form 120;
- A letter from the Freedom Forum, the owner of the subject property, authorizing Whayne S. Quin and the law firm of Holland & Knight LLP, to file the application:
- Twenty copies of a Building Plat prepared by the D.C. Surveyor showing the subject property;
- Twenty copies of plans and elevations showing the building proposed to be erected on the subject property;
- Twenty copies of a statement of existing and intended use of the subject property;
- Twenty copies of a preliminarily statement outlining how the application meets the required burden of proof;

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- Twenty copies of three photographs of the subject property;
- The name and mailing address of the owners of all property within 200 feet in all directions from all boundaries of the subject property, in both list and mailing label format (there are no persons currently having a lease with the owner of the subject property);
- In lieu of a memorandum from the Zoning Administrator, twenty copies of a completed certification form; and
- A check for the filing fee totaling of $4,400.00.

We believe that the application is complete and acceptable for filing, and we request that the Board schedule a public hearing on the application at the soonest available time.

We are prepared to answer any questions or provide such other additional information as you may require. Thank you for your attention to this application.

Sincerely,

Steven E. Sher
Director of Zoning and Land Use Services

Enclosures