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January 12, 2004

Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Room 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: 502 East Capitol Street, N.E., Square 840, Lot 23 (the "Property")

Dear Mr. Griffis:

By this letter, Marquette University, the owner of the above-referenced Property, hereby authorizes the law firm of Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, LLP to file and prosecute an application to the BZA for the above-referenced property and to act on my behalf and as our agent with respect to this matter.

Sincerely,

Marquette University
By: Father Timothy O'Brien

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