COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
THE JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004
April 13, 2004

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

Re: BZA Application No. 17152
International Campaign for Tibet

Dear Mr. Griffis and Members of the Board:

I am pleased to write to you in support of the application from the International Campaign for Tibet (ICT) regarding their request for a rear yard waiver at 1825 Jefferson Place, N.W. ICT is already located in rented office space within Ward 2 at 1825 K Street, N.W., and I am pleased they have been able to purchase the subject property as the new headquarters and cultural center for the organization.

ICT performs extremely important work in cooperation with the U.S. government and other governments to support the rights of Tibetans imprisoned for their political and religious beliefs; to provide for humanitarian assistance to Tibetans in exile; and to promote a peaceful resolution of the occupation of Tibet through negotiations between the Chinese government and the Dalai Lama.

As to the zoning issues, the townhouse structure at 1825 Jefferson Place, N.W. has been in office use for many years and is located in a medium-high density office zone. The building is a contributing building in the Dupont Circle historic district, and the Historic Preservation staff are highly supportive of the proposed design of the rear addition. Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B unanimously voted to support the application.

For all of these reasons I hope you will see fit to approve the application.

Sincerely,

Jack Evans, Councilmember
Ward 2

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