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

BZA # 17198

Re: BZA Application for 701 Lamont Street, NW

I am writing to support The Neighborhood Development Company ( NDC ) in their application for a variance for 701 Lamont Street, NW. I have known the company and its principals for some time and have kept close tabs on their work in our neighborhoods. I can attest that this company has been a positive force in the revitalization of Columbia Heights and other communities in Ward 1 through renovating vacant and abandoned housing, creating affordable housing opportunitites, and providing employment and training to residents of our Ward.

I feel that the conversion of the property to residential use makes very good sense and will benefit the community. The property, which has been vacant for as long as I can remember, has long been a nuisance to the community, and the surrounding neighborhoods are anxious to have this eyesore cleaned up. The renovation of 701 Lamont is a cornerstone of our efforts to revitalize the Georgia Avenue corridor.

Please don't hesitate to give me a call if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

Jim Graham

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cc: Karl Jentoft

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