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

Re: BZA Application No. 17232
Application of RLA Revitalization Corporation
14th & Irving Streets, N.W.

Dear Members of the Board:

As the Councilmember with whom this project rests, I am writing to urge your approval of the above-referenced BZA application. This long-awaited project which is so vital to the provision of retail services to the residents of Ward one and the District is, after years of hard work, ready to proceed forward. The original project previously approved by the Board was decreased in scope in order to address the unique problems and difficulties in constructing the third parking garage level on the site.

In addition, due to the large size of the roof and several large tenants, there will be multiple roof structures. Special exception relief is needed to address that issue.

The revised plan has been carefully reviewed by many departments within the District of Columbia including the Deputy Mayor's office, my office, DDOT, and other agencies. All have concluded that this is the appropriate project and development for the site. Collectively, we are now moving forward to implement this vision with the agreement between Target and the developer finally signed and in place. The City Council previously took emergency action this past summer to provide a financing mechanism for the project.

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In closing, I urge your prompt approval of this application for special exception and variance relief, which is necessary to permit this development to proceed.

Sincerely,

