THE LENKIN COMPANY

January 14, 2005

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

Re: BZA Application No. 17271 of JBG/Louisiana Avenue, L.L.C.
51 Louisiana Avenue, N.W., Square 631, Lots 17 (the "Property")

Dear Mr. Griffis:

I am writing on behalf of 440 First Street Limited Partnership, the owner of the property 440 First Street. We have reviewed the plans proposed by JBG and we are in support of the above-referenced application for an area variance from the height restrictions of the zoning regulations to allow an addition at the Property.

We understand that JBG is seeking a variance of twenty feet (20') to allow an addition to the existing Acacia building, which addition will be primarily occupied by the existing tenant, Jones Day – the third largest law firm in the country. This addition is to replace the existing above-grade garage on the Property. We believe that the proposed addition will be a great improvement of the Property. We do not believe additional height sought by JBG will adversely affect the neighborhood, which is characterized by commercial buildings, hotels and open space. Further, the addition will ensure the continued presence of the Property's tenant.

We look forward to the further development of the Property, as proposed, and the enhancement of the streetscape it will bring to the neighborhood.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application.

Sincerely,

440 First Street Limited Partnership

By: Melvin Lenkin
Its: General Partner

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