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Re: Embassy of Moldova, 2101 S Street, N.W. Application for Permit for Window Replacement in the Chancery Building

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Embassy of the Republic of Moldova we are writing to request a postponement of the Foreign Missions – Board of Zoning Adjustment (FM-BZA) hearing concerning the Embassy's application for the replacement of the windows at its chancery located at 2101 S St., N.W. This matter is currently scheduled for review at the FM-BZA's October 18, 2005 hearing. If at all possible, we would like to request a hearing date in late November or early December, so that the Embassy may have a decision prior to coldest winter months.

We are requesting this postponement for two reasons. First, we have made attempts but have not yet been able to complete our efforts to meet with the local Sheridan-Kalorama Historic Association and the chancery's neighbors on this matter. The Embassy would very much like to be able to engage these groups in further discussion in an effort to determine, address and satisfy any concerns they may have regarding completion of the window replacement project. Once we have engaged the neighbors and the Historic Association, we plan to attend the monthly ANC meeting, which is expected to be held in mid-November.

In addition, we note that the two primary attorneys, Lewis Leibowitz and myself, representing the Embassy in this matter, have encountered a scheduling conflict with the October 18, 2005 hearing date that cannot be altered. It is essential that we are involved in this hearing, and with neither of us available on that date, it would be very difficult to adequately present the case on behalf of the Embassy.

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We regret any inconvenience this may cause and sincerely appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or need additional information concerning this request for a postponement, or regarding any other aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted,

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