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Chairman Geoffrey Griffis
DC Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 4th Street, NE, Suite 200 South
Washington, DC 20001

**RE: 601-645 H Street Ventures
BZA Case No. 17521**

Dear Mr. Griffis:

H Street Main Street (HSMS) wishes to express its support of the Applicant's request for Special Exceptions to Section 1303.2 and 2514.2 of the zoning regulations. The Applicant's recent building façade modifications for BZA Case No. 17521 comply with the H St. Guidelines and will serve as a positive contribution to the H St. Corridor's retail and architectural appeal.

HSMS would like to thank the 601-645 H Street Ventures for its time and responses to façade design recommendations provided by ANC-6A, ANC-6C, Stanton Park Neighborhood Association, Capitol Hill Restoration Society, and the 6th and H St. Neighborhood Association.

Finally, HSMS appreciates the Applicant's verbal commitment to participate in the H Street Corridor's voluntary Clean and Safe Program. However, HSMS hereby urges the Applicant to provide a written commitment establishing 601-645 H Street Ventures' monetary contribution to HSMS' efforts to keep the H Street corridor clean and safe. HSMS's Clean and Safe Program plays a vital role in the Corridor's successful revitalization.

This case should serve as a model for addressing design issues in future cases where the Design Requirements and Design Guidelines of the H Street NE Zoning Overlay are applicable. HSMS commends the Board for prescribing procedures that made that possible in this case. This case has shown that (1) the design guidelines are an important component for insuring that high-quality architecture is constructed on H Street NE and (2) the community is able to work with developers to insure that the needs of the both the developers and the community are met.

Sincerely,

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Chairman,
H Street Main Street
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Washington, DC 20002

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