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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
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Re: Extension Request For 601-645 H Street, N.E.

Dear Members of the Board:

H Street Main Street (HSMS) wishes to express its support of the Applicant's request for a two-year extension of BZA Order 17521-A. HSMS was a party to the initial BZA application, and supported the project at that time given the Applicant's work with the community through an exhaustive process, and the Applicant's commitment to incorporate a mix of uses, including residential and retail uses, into the project as shown on the approved BZA plans.

The H Street corridor continues to grow, and ongoing rehabilitation, the upcoming streetcars service, and streetscape projects are constantly improving the appearance and comfort of the neighborhood. The approved project at 601-645 H Street, N.E. was always envisioned by HSMS, the City, and others in the community as a key element of this revitalization, and the site was specifically included as part of the long-term planning efforts initiated many years ago to redevelop the parcels fronting on H Street to include significant mixed-use developments. Development of the 601-645 H Street project as approved by the BZA and in accordance with the H Street NE Strategic Development Plan published in 2003 is exactly what was planned for, and we therefore believe that granting the Applicant's requested extension will provide the developer additional time to secure the financing necessary to move forward with development of the project.

HSMS was created in 2002 as a part of the DC Main Streets program. The goal of HSMS is to support the establishment and implementation of lasting, comprehensive revitalization in one of DC's most historic neighborhoods by investing in and expanding existing businesses while also attracting new businesses. Since its inception, HSMS has acted as a voice for neighborhood businesses and residents as the District continues to invest in the corridor – representing the interests of the community, and helping bring positive change to area. HSMS is a nonprofit and is led by a combination of community

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development professionals and local volunteers, and we hope that the Board will support the community's continued revitalization by granting the requested extension.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anwar Saleem', written over a horizontal line.

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