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Sara Benjamin Bardin Director, Office of Zoning Suite 210 441 4th Street, NW Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA #18701E at 1247 E St SE

Dear Ms. Bardin:

The Capitol Hill Restoration Society (CHRS)'s Zoning Committee voted to **support** the applicants' request for a **modification of significance from use provisions** to include general retail, service and office uses in addition to restaurant use. Because of the BZA order restrictions, we think it's a good use of the property.

The property was originally built for commercial use and was the site of an historic DC candy store. The applicant has noted the devastating impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the restaurant business and therefore has applied for the modification to allow for other uses of the commercial space appropriate and consistent with the neighborhood.

The proposal is supported by the Office of Planning and ANC6B. The BZA hearing is scheduled for February 2, 2022.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth W. Hague

Beth Hague, Chair Capitol Hill Restoration Society Zoning Committee