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Dear Ms. Giordano:

I am writing you on behalf of the 16th Street Heights Civic Association ("SSHCA"). I am pleased to serve as President of the SSHCA and I understand you represent the Republic of Gambia in connection with its proceedings before the Board of Zoning Adjustment ("BZA") regarding the Republic's application for a special use permit for the property at 5630 16th Street, NW. The Republic intends to use the property as a chancery. At a meeting of the SSHCA membership on June 14, 2016, the Republic's application was discussed and we were pleased to have the Ambassador as a guest to describe his plans for the property and to answer questions. Dave Wilson of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC") also spoke to the members and described the ANC's resolution supporting the Republic's application, with conditions that we understand the Ambassador has agreed to. A motion was made and seconded for the SSHCA to support the application of the Republic for the special use permit with the same conditions as expressed in the ANC's resolution, and the motion was passed by a majority of members present. You may advise the BZA of this development.

We look forward to welcoming the Ambassador and his staff to the neighborhood. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours,

Kevin Taylor President 16th Street Heights Civic Association

cc: SSHCA Board

D. Wilson, ANC