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Dear Ms. Kress:

As residents of Southwest, we are writing to ask for the Commission's support for the Waterfront PUD.

The Zoning Commission has an historic opportunity before it. The Waterfront PUD will help revitalize the Southwest neighborhood within the city of Washington. A revitalized 4th street, which creatively combines residential, retailing, and office space has much to offer residents, such as us, and the city as a whole.

We have attended community meetings and are familiar with the project. It strikes a healthy balance between what the community is asked to give and what it will gain.

The project will connect the Southwest community to the National Mall. It is exciting to contemplate a walk home down 4th street. We would walk from the National Gallery past the NMAI and the hotel now under construction, to a new streetscape in our Southwest neighborhood. Such street life will contribute in positive ways to the city and to the quality of life for Southwest residents.

This project has the potential to increase the physical and economic security of our neighborhood. It will help us leave more of our tax dollars in the city and help us feel safe our neighborhood later in the evening. It will help connect residents living north and south of I street to each other. Such connections strengthen communities.

We have been impressed by the amount of information shared about this project by the developers and the numerous opportunities for community input. We are also pleased to learn that Forest City Enterprises and the Kaempfer Company are making a long-term commitment to manage the facility, not just develop it for short-term profit. We have much to gain from their commitment.

We ask Commission members to support the PUD.

Sincerely,

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