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September 3, 2003

Chairman Mitten
Zoning Commission
801 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Re: Southeast Federal Center Overlay
Zoning Commission Case No. 03-06

Dear Mr. Mitten:

I am writing you to express my support for the Southeast Federal Center Overlay. The zoning proposed by GSA offers the opportunity for a vibrant mixed-use community very close to Barracks Row – 8th Street, SE. This rezoning is a critical component of the ongoing transformation of the area as a whole, and Barracks Row in particular.

As you may know, Barracks Row Main Street is working with residents in the neighborhood and merchants along 8th Street to revitalize Washington's oldest commercial corridor. Over the next three months, three new restaurants and a Starbucks will be opening along 8th Street. Adding housings and office worker contributes to daytime and nighttime pedestrian traffic to ensure successful retail.

Sound zoning is an important part of development because without it, chances for success are uncertain. I hope you will take into consideration how important a dense, mixed-use environment is.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at (202) 544-3188.

Sincerely,

Bill McLeod

ZONING COMMISSION
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