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Carol Mitten, Chair
D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, N.W.
Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Petition for Text Amendments
Hostelling International USA

05-12

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Dear Ms. Mitten:

Submitted herewith are twenty (20) copies of a zoning petition that proposes text amendments relating to hostels and the International Hostel in Downtown Washington operated by Hostelling International USA, the petitioner in this case. As explained in the attached Statement in support of the petition, the International Hostel is constrained by a complex interrelationship of regulations and definitions.

The rationale for the proposed amendments is fully set forth in the Statement. We have met with the Office of Planning and shared the full text of the Statement with them, which resulted in some follow-up communications. We request that the Zoning Commission schedule a public hearing to consider these proposed amendments. A check payable to the D.C. Treasurer in the amount of \$250 is attached for the filing fee.

If additional information is needed, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,
ARNOLD & PORTER LLP

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Attachment

ZONING COMMISSION
CASE No. 05-12
EXHIBIT No. 1