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Anthony Hood, Chairperson

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**Re: Z.C. Case No. 06-11L: Hillel at the George Washington University
Letter of Support**

Dear Chairperson Hood and Members of the Commission

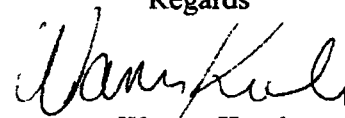
My name is Warren Kessler, I am an alumnus of GW ('09) and this fall I will be returning to DC to enter my first year of law school at GW Law ('17) I am writing to urge you to support the construction of the new GW Hillel facility and to approve the relief that will be needed to undergo this exciting project

As an undergrad, I was very active in the Jewish social/ritual/programming scene, for which I have Hillel to thank The personal and professional relationships that I developed through the organization and the positive experiences I had in that building contributed a lot to my college experience as a whole and have also had an enormous impact on my post-college life The programs and community that Hillel offered me certainly played an important role in my decision to move back to DC

For me, Hillel was a safe place, where I could be myself and learn and grow (and occasionally snag some pizza!) However, by the time I graduated, Hillel was bursting at the seams, constantly having to either downsize the scale of programs or find alternative locations It was not uncommon to show up at weekly Sabbath dinners and being unable to find a seat Having a larger central location for the purposes of study, community, interfaith and intercultural programming, and worship would benefit not only GW's enormous Jewish population, but the increased student life/study space would benefit the entire GW community As an undergrad, finding good study space (or really any space!) during finals was a struggle in itself

Thank you for your time, and I hope you will support this project with your words and deeds, and to support the relief that will be needed to make this idea a reality

Regards


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