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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 Emily Englander, and I am a junior at the George Washington University, but more importantly I am a member of the GW Jewish community. I am writing in support of Hillel's proposed new building, a project near and dear to me

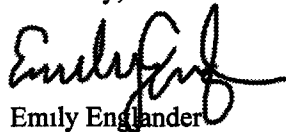
As a native of Texas, I was worried about moving so far from home. Though worried, I knew that attending GW and joining the large Jewish and Hillel community would help me get through the struggles. Immediately, I got involved and felt right at home, and during my sophomore year, I served on the Jewish Student Association, the Hillel's student organization executive board as the Freshman Engagement Chair. Through my time in this role, I further realized how important Hillel is to engage Jewish students on campus and make sure they have the opportunity to have a Jewish home away from home. Hillel is not simply an organization; it is family.

Currently, the state of our building does not meet the needs of our growing community. Our current building is too small and is not in the best shape, which is a deterrent for students on campus. When students come to campus and see this building, they often choose to avoid our programming and community. With a new building as proposed, not only will we increase the amount of student space for our community, but we will also have a more inviting appearance from the building as well. GW is lucky enough to have one of the largest Jewish student populations in the country, yet this current building does not resemble a thriving community. I truly believe that this new building would allow for our community to grow stronger and engage every Jewish student on campus.

Not only would this building benefit our Hillel community, but it would also support the entire GW community. The GW Student Association has been fighting to provide the student body with more student space across campus. This new building would provide another space on campus for student life as well as provide additional academic space. Furthermore, Hillel needs this partnership with GW to afford the cost of the building.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns. Please approve the relief required to construct the new building.

Sincerely,


Emily Englander

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