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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 Dan Rosenberg, a recent graduate from the George Washington University (Class of 2014), and I am writing to you today to support the proposed building for the George Washington University.

To fully explain what my involvement in GW Hillel has meant to me throughout my college career would result in a considerably long letter, so I will do my best to describe with brevity the role that the Hillel has played in my undergrad years. For starters, GW Hillel has served as a critical social outlet for me in a large University setting and an even large urban center. Beyond acting as a social network where I could easily meet people and see friends on a weekly basis, the GW Hillel has equipped me with leadership and other communicative skills imperative for success in the working world. In fact, I am now employed at the Hillel International organization, which is also located in DC, as a direct result of my involvement in GW Hillel. I was able to draw on four active years in Hillel, including one in which I served as the President of the Jewish student Association, to successfully receive a very prestigious fellowship that the International office offers for graduating seniors. Finally, and equally as important to the other reasons mentioned above, the staff at Hillel have become my mentors for life. Specifically, the executive director and assistant director have supported, and continue to support my intellectual, professional, emotional growth. They invest a great deal for me, and taking into consideration everything that I have mentioned in this paragraph, it is with great honor and excitement that I write to you today to support what I believe is an incredible project.

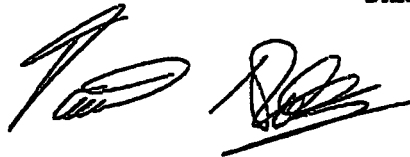
A word about why the building is important. The Jewish community at GW is one of the largest in the country, which includes 3,000 Jewish undergraduates alone. To properly serve this community, a much bigger, warmer looking, and modern looking building is needed. With a better looking building, more students will be inclined to use it, thus increasing their contact with and connection to their Jewish identities. Further, I have watched the current staff build the GW Hillel community since their first year (my freshman year). Taking a step back and realizing the growth that has occurred in those four short years, it is certainly time for a new building that can sustain the growth that has taken place, and continue to support even more growth as the years go by. I also would like to mention that the building could potentially serve as another gathering point for student life, both for individual students and student groups, since as GW is located in

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an Urban center, student space is hard to come by sometimes. Overall, the new building is a sure way to have a very positive impact on both the Jewish community at GW, and the greater GW community as a whole.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. My email is d Rosenberg8@gwu.edu, and my cell-phone is 267-614-4960. Thank you for reviewing my letter, and I hope that you will find the new building favorable.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Daniel Rosenberg', written over a horizontal line.

Daniel Rosenberg

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