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Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA
Director of the District of Columbia Office of Zoning
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Dear M. Kress,

I recently attended an informational meeting regarding the upcoming building projects at Catholic University of America. I was grateful to be invited to the above meeting as we are in close proximity to the University and directly across the road from where the proposed relocation of the CUA maintenance building will be constructed.

The Washington Retreat House has been in operation since 1930. We have a fifty-two bedroom facility which accommodates people of all faiths who come seeking peace and at-one-ment with God, self and others. In addition to weekend retreats for Parish groups, many weekdays provide time and space for Days of Prayer and various religious workshops and conferences.

I support the proposed project for several reasons. The addition of a new residence in what is now a rather isolated area will allow for more students presence, activity and security. Having seen the plans for the relocation and new maintenance building assures me that it will be in keeping with the surrounding properties.

Sincerely,

Sister Mary Harper, S.A.

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Director

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