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Congress of the United States
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Washington, DC 20515-1501

November 6, 2014

The Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street NW
Suite 210
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Dear Members of the Commission:

The bill amending the Height Act that was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama (P.L. 113-103) gave the District of Columbia the home rule authority to permit human occupancy of penthouses. As the city's Member of Congress, I worked closely with Oversight and Government Reform Chairman Darrell Issa on the bill, which I co-sponsored, to ensure that it met the home-rule position of the District.

I do not take a position on the merits of the public hearing report submitted last week on local implementation of the Height Act amendment by the D.C. Office of Planning because these are home-rule matters. I write only to clarify that the bill's intent was to give the city, using its home-rule authority, the discretion to implement the amendment as the city desires.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Holmes Norton

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