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OFFICE OF ZONING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Ms. Jerrily Kress, Chair
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Proposed Renovation and Expansion of the Solar Building
Zoning Commission Case No. 98-14C

Dear Mr. Kress and Members of the Commission:

On behalf of The Carlton hotel, located on the southeast corner of the intersection of 16th and K Streets, N.W., I offer our support for the proposed application to the Zoning Commission. The proposed renovation and expansion of the Solar Building will create an exciting new façade on K Street and 16th Street.

An important effect of the proposed renovation will be the introduction of more appropriate signage for the retail uses along 16th Street. The current signage for the retail tenants is not in keeping with the importance of 16th Street. In addition, the improvements made to the area in front of the existing building will beautify the entire area. Creating a more pedestrian friendly and aesthetically attractive 16th Street is important for our business as we highlight to our guests our hotel's proximity to the White House and the National Mall area. We believe that anything that can be done to improve the appearance of this area is a benefit to all residents of the District of Columbia as well as visitors to the Nation's Capital.

The Carlton appreciates your attention to this matter and once again offers its support for the proposal before the Zoning Commission regarding the renovation and expansion of the Solar Building.

Sincerely,

Ibrahim Fahmy,
Managing Director

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