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

Re: Solar Building – 1000 16th Street, N.W.
Zoning Commission Case No. 98-14C

Dear Chairperson Kress and Members of the Commission:

The purpose of this letter is to offer our wholehearted support for the above-mentioned application to the Zoning Commission. As one of the owner's of the Davis Building, located at 1629 K Street, we believe that the proposed addition to, and renovation of, the Solar Building (located at 1000 16th Street) is an important project for the appearance of the entire area and is complimentary to the existing buildings in the square.

It is our understanding that the existing site is split-zoned between the C-4 and SP-2 Districts and that this split-zoning would still remain if the project is approved. The design of the renovated building incorporates these two distinct Districts. We believe that the K Street commercial office corridor is an important area for the economic development of the District. The Solar Building's request to build to a height of 130 feet along K Street is commensurate with that goal and is in keeping with the other buildings in the square, including our own. In addition, we believe that the proposed curb cut on 16th Street, to be used for the entrance to the Solar Building's garage is appropriate. This location will assure that cars entering the Solar Building's garage will not be required to use the existing alley system in the square, which is already overburdened.

For the above reasons, we believe that the application in Zoning Commission Case No. 98-14C should be approved. We appreciate your attention to this letter of support.

Sincerely,

John G. Davis
Executive Vice President

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