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Subject: Exterior Facade Improvements for "The Park Hotel"

Mr. Martin and members of the Urban Design Commission:

As chair of the Bassett District of Capitol Neighborhoods, Inc., I'm writing in support of the conditional use requested for the proposed redevelopment of the Inn on the Park, or Park Hotel, at 22 South Carol Street. Representatives of the Mullins Group have attended several of our recent Bassett monthly meetings to apprise the neighborhood of their renovation plans for the hotel and the neighborhood members in attendance at these meetings have been supportive of these plans.

In particular, the neighborhood is in favor of the proposal to "round off" the corner of the ninth floor. We feel that this alteration will improve the look of the building. Further, this change will lessen the existing intrusion of the building into the Hamilton Street viewshed identified in the Downtown Plan and will also more than offset the minor incursion of the proposed extension of the ninth floor along the south side of the building into that viewshed. These and other proposed changes to the exterior of the building will improve the overall appearance of the building and I would urge the members of the Urban Design Commission to approve these proposed changes at the UDC meeting on January 14, 2014.

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