May 1, 2009

Erik A. Moses Chief Executive Officer DC Sports and Entertainment Commission 2400 East Capitol Street, SE Washington, DC 20003

Dear Mr. Moses:

We are writing to you to strongly express our support for locating GreenSPACE in the National Stadium. As partners working with GreenSPACE to create the region's premier green learning and resource center, we know a physical space dedicated to collaboration, training, education and events is critical to catalyze green development, green business, green jobs and green policy in our region.

## Partnership Approach: Shared Learning, Strategic Action

We are a group of businesses, nonprofit organizations and government agencies that each sees our work enhanced by the collaboration we are building with GreenSPACE and its partners. Each of us has different strengths to contribute and together we are committed to working to build the capacity of our community to: develop green buildings, create green neighborhoods, grow green businesses and train residents for green jobs.

## **GreenSPACE: Spurs Development, Benefits Neighborhood**

When the stadium was originally created, the goal was to create a neighborhood filled with activity and amenities such as retail, parks, commercial and residential space. However, the nationwide downturn has impacted the Capital Riverfront; to address this GreenSPACE can create a hub of activity where people will learn the skills and develop the knowledge to produce green projects, grow businesses and receive the job training to work and live more sustainably. Benefits include:

- **Positive publicity** emphasizing the value of green buildings, infrastructure, business and jobs,
- Training, education and resources to advance the region's green economy, green communities, and green environment,
- A convening space for a broad range of stakeholders interested in green buildings, business, jobs and policy, and a networking hub for our public, private and nonprofit partners, and
- Overall support for the green transformation of the region's development industry

We are confident that GreenSPACE will be of great benefit to the Stadium, its neighborhood, the District and the Region. The District's investment in housing GreenSPACE will lead to more sustainable communities through our provision of training, technical assistance, green business development, green job training and engagement of stakeholders in green policy. Now is the time for all of us to work together to leverage Federal stimulus funds to build the programmatic infrastructure for long-term strategic impact. We encourage you to do what needs to be done to establish GreenSPACE at Nationals Park.

Thank you for your consideration, Alliance to Save Energy Amicus **Arlington County** Atlantic Parking Bethesda Green Canal Park Casey Trees Center for American Progress Center for Nonprofit Advancement Chesapeake Crescent Initiative CNHED Community Foundation COTE DC DC Appleseed DeConstruction

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