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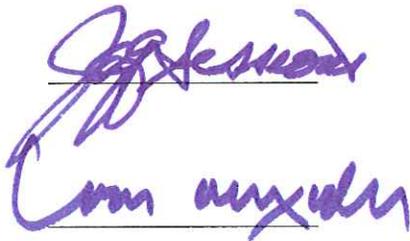
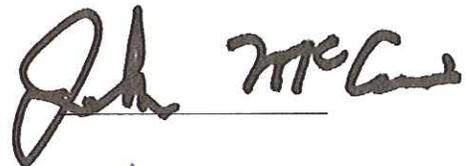
Mayor Vincent Gray
Executive Office of the Mayor
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Suite 316
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Mayor and District of Columbia Council Members:

We write today in support of our colleagues in the House of Representatives who wrote to you last week requesting that the portion of International Place in North West Washington, D.C. in front of the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China be renamed “Liu Xiaobo Plaza.” This designation would honor the human rights activist and Nobel Laureate who is currently serving an eleven year prison sentence for inciting subversion against the PRC. On this date, the 25th anniversary of the brutal crackdown on protestors at Tiananmen Square in Beijing, we can think of no more fitting expression of solidarity between the people of the United States and the people of China who are, like Dr. Liu, engaged in a “long and non-violent struggle for fundamental human rights.”

We appreciate your consideration of this request and, like our House colleagues, stand ready to assist in any way that may be useful.

Sincerely,



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