January 12, 2016

The Honorable Bill Shuster  
The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio  
Chairman and Ranking Member  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC  20515

The Honorable Jim Inhofe  
The Honorable Barbara Boxer  
Chairman and Ranking Member  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC  20510

The Honorable Lou Barletta  
The Honorable André Carson  
Chairman and Ranking Member  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
House of Representatives  
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The Honorable David Vitter  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC  20510

Dear Mr. Chairmen and Ranking Members:

In accordance with 40 U.S.C. § 6702(b)(2)(B), the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) submits the enclosed amendment to the 1974 Pennsylvania Avenue Plan (the Plan), consistent with GSA’s responsibilities as successor to the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation (PADC), and the Memorandum of Agreement described herein. The Plan amendment allows for the private development and use of Squares 378 and 379, which are currently occupied by the J. Edgar Hoover Building.
The PADC developed the Plan, a concept planning document, as directed by Public Law 92-578 (1972). Squares 378 and 379 are located within the Plan area; however, the J. Edgar Hoover Building was conceived prior to the Plan’s adoption and accordingly, it designated the squares for Federal use. When the PADC ceased operations in 1996, its responsibilities and roles were transferred to GSA, the U.S. Department of Interior - National Park Service, and the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC). This arrangement is documented in a Memorandum of Agreement. NCPC unanimously approved the amendment to the Plan for Squares 378 and 379 on December 3, 2015. According to statute, the amendment will become effective 60 days after the date of this letter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Austin
Associate Administrator

Enclosures