October 2, 2020

Mr. Marcel C. Acosta  
Executive Director  
National Capital Planning Commission  
401 9th Street, NW, Suite 500  
Washington, DC  20004

RE: Request for review of a proposed alteration of property in Square 457 at 601 D Street, NW

Dear Mr. Acosta:

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), per the 1996 Memorandum of Agreement Among the General Services Administration (GSA), the Department of the Interior-National Park Service (NPS), and the National Capital Planning Commission, is notifying you of a proposal by the owners of 601 D Street, NW to make exterior alterations to its property, known as the Patrick Henry Building. The building is a non-contributing property in the Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site.

The proposed exterior alterations, all of which would be located within the property line, include installation of a physical vehicle barrier and a guard booth in the driveway entered from D Street, NW; installation of bollards inside the property line on D Street; hardening of certain architectural elements on the D Street façade; and installation of a security fence on a portion of the roof.

GSA and NCPC have agreed that the proposal falls within the Minor Modification provisions of the 1996 Memorandum of Agreement. GSA finds the proposal consistent with the Pennsylvania Avenue Plan and the Square Guidelines for Square 457.

GSA has consulted on the proposed physical security alterations with the D.C. State Historic Preservation Office, which has concurred with GSA’s determination under Section 106 that the proposed alterations would have no adverse effect on the Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site. GSA has fulfilled its NEPA obligations through the preparation of a CATEX for this project.

If you have any questions, please contact Todd Satter at todd.satter@gsa.gov or Nancy Witherell at nancy.witherell@gsa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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