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The Honorable John Ray
Chairman
Committee on Consumer and
Regulatory Affairs
Council of the District of
Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: Bill 7-136, "District of Columbia Condominium Act of
1976 Reform Amendments Act of 1987"

Dear Mr. Ray:

The Steering Committee of the Section on Real Estate, Housing and Land Use of the District of Columbia Bar is pleased that the comprehensive amendments to the District of Columbia Condominium Act of 1976 drafted by our special committee have been re-introduced in the Council. On behalf of the Section, I urge prompt and favorable action on Bill 7-136 by the Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs.

Our special committee composed of practitioners well-versed in the technical elements of the 1976 Act, labored for the better part of a year to develop specific amendments to the Act. The committee prepared a detailed report to accompany the proposed amendments, which is already part of your Committee's legislative record. In summary, their experience with the Act led them to conclude that the amendments are needed to fine tune the existing regulatory regime, to resolve certain technical problems they have encountered over the years, and to deal with several issues which are not presently addressed by the Act. Additionally, the

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amendments attempt to bring the District's regulatory program into reasonable conformity with those of other states which follow the Uniform Condominium Act. We believe that their work product strikes an appropriate balance among the concerns of the various constituencies affected by the Act and will serve to strengthen the District's program and simplify its administration.

For these reasons, the Section on Real Estate, Housing and Land Use welcomes the action you have taken to hold a public roundtable on Bill 7-136 and urges the Committee to report the Bill out for consideration by the Council as soon as the business of the Committee will permit. Please do not hesitate to call on us if we may be of any assistance to you or your staff in this regard.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Cain
Co-Chair