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Subject: In Strong Opposition to Case No. 19689, the Meridian development proposal

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Dear Commissioners:

Thank you in advance for your time. I write, as a twenty five year resident of Beekman Place, NW and a forty year resident of the District, in strong opposition to your Case No. 16989, the proposed "Carbuncle on Meridian Hill." otherwise known as the Meridian International property development. Chemotherapy the morning of the 13th prevents me from testifying in person. Please accept these comments regarding this matter.

Bottom line, Meridian International and their Developer are obligated to show that the special exceptions they seek will not have an adverse impact on the neighboring properties, this they cannot do under the current proposal, even with the 11th hour adding of an exit on Crescent Place.

The addition on 16th Street, of this out of place modern structure of high end condos and conference space is woefully out of place in this residential neighborhood. The addition of the condos and conference traffic will significantly impact traffic on Belmont, Crescent and 16th St.

The Meridian International (non-profit) Corporation is obligated to maintain the historic character of the property. This proposed development is the antithesis of that obligation!

Fear not that the Meridian International Corporation needs the money. Their net assets increased by over \$1 Million last year (exclusive of the escrow for the payment from the Developer in question), according to their latest financial report. The continued operation of Meridian is clearly not dependent on the this proposed development.

These are among the many reasons our hard working ANC unanimously opposes this application. I join many, many of my Beekman Place neighbors in rejecting the last minute (and previously announced to we the co-owners) capitulation of our Board of Directors to the Developers offer to add more pain to Crescent and a little less pain to Belmont by the addition of an exit on Crescent. Regardless of this concession this development is ill-considered and fails to meet the test of its application, that of not having a detrimental and irreversible negative impact on its surrounding neighborhood and those of us who have lived here for a year or thirty plus years, through the City's decline and resurgence.

Please Commissioners, listen to the unanimous recommendation of the ANC and reject this proposed, "Carbuncle on Meridian Hill," Case Number 19689.

Respectfully,
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