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Ms. Carol Mitten
Chairperson D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW, Second Floor
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairperson Mitten and Members of the Commission:

Re: Zoning Commission Case No. 05-42—PUD and Zoning Map Amendment
Letter of Support for the Sibley Hospital Project

The purpose of this letter is to express my strong support for the PUD and Zoning Map amendment application regarding Sibley Hospital's proposed construction of a medical office building. It is my understanding that the medical offices and accompanying parking garage proposed by the applicant are entirely appropriate for the site, and will not impact the Palisades neighborhood negatively.

I have been a resident of this neighborhood for nineteen years. I believe that the addition of a medical office building to Sibley's hospital campus will provide significant benefits to the residents of this community. The proposed use of the new building for physicians' offices and related medical issues, such as blood work and x-ray clinics and a pharmacy, is entirely consistent with the medical services that Sibley presently provides.

Along with many of my neighbors I want to see Sibley continue to thrive at its current site along Loughboro Road. The on-site convenience and accessibility of a medical office facility, and its related services, will be a positive development. I do not feel that the use of the building for physicians' offices represents a "commercialization" of the neighborhood. In contrast, I consider the proposed structure would be a logical complement to the first-rate medical services already provided at Sibley Hospital.

This project will enhance the quality of life and contribute to the physical health and well being of the neighborhood, and I urge the Zoning Commission to grant its approval.

Sincerely,



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