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Carol Mitten, Chair
District of Columbia Office of Zoning
Case #05-42 (Sibley Hospital)
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Re: Case #05-42 (Sibley Hospital)

Dear Ms. Mitten:

My husband and I are writing to express our concerns with the proposed Sibley Hospital expansion. We live on Sherier Place one block below MacArthur Boulevard. Over the past few years, we have seen a steady increase in the number of cars using MacArthur Boulevard and they frequently use our street to avoid the traffic (and traffic lights) on MacArthur Boulevard and Arizona Avenue. We know this traffic will only increase if Sibley Hospital expands to include a medical office building and we know that virtually no planning is in place to accommodate this extra traffic.

The MacArthur Boulevard is the major emergency access route for our neighborhood. It is ill repaired, with huge potholes creating dangerous driving conditions under the best of circumstances. The additional traffic a new center at Sibley will bring will only compound the existing problems. Before you consider an addition to Sibley, you need to consider an addition to Sibley access that does not endanger neighborhood safety. Children are playing on our neighborhood streets and walking to and from local schools. The Sibley expansion is unfairly endangering all, but particularly our most vulnerable community residents.

As we understand, a specific study of neighborhood traffic has yet to be commissioned. This is astounding. Especially since the Institute of Transportation Engineers projects 1200-1300 more car trips per day on MacArthur Boulevard in DC. This is many more than the region can tolerate with drivers already using various cut-throughs to avoid the backup at the traffic signal at the intersection of MacArthur Boulevard and Arizona and Loughboro Road. With over 1200 more cars expected on this side of MacArthur Boulevard, we can surely expect more cars to use little neighborhood streets where children play to avoid this traffic. This combination of more cars driving too quickly, many of them travel over safe speed limits, and the low visibility is very dangerous.

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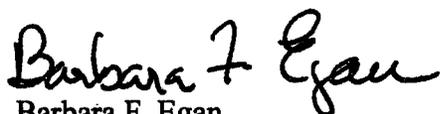
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Are you prepared to deal with consequences? If children are put in harms way because of poor planning, or are unable to play in their neighborhoods, you are accountable. How indeed will medical emergencies be managed when a vehicle backup blocks Macarthur Boulevard? If Macarthur Boulevard is closed to Sibley access, have you provided an alternative? Can you explain the options you have explored?

At some point, the traffic becomes too much for the neighborhood to bear. It appears authorities have little or no concern for the neighborhoods they invade. My husband and I very much appreciate Sibley Hospital, but we believe that the traffic resulting from its new medical office building would quickly lead us to this unbearable point.

We very much appreciate your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at either of the numbers listed below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara F. Egan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barbara F. Egan

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