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

CASE NO. 05-42 (FAX)
EXHIBIT NO. 129

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

Dear Chairperson Mitten and Members of the Commission:

I wholeheartedly support the PUD and Zoning Map amendment application regarding Sibley Hospital's proposed construction of a medical office building and accompanying parking garage. Patients will be able to go to one place for all their medical needs: doctors' offices, a pharmacy, a lab for tests, an x-ray clinic, the Renaissance skilled nursing rehab center and the Grand Oaks assisted living residence, not to mention the hospital. And best of all, these facilities will all be in our neighborhood.

The new medical building will help Sibley keep and attract first-rate doctors. Due to the increasing amount of traffic in the Washington area, the hospital has already lost and will continue to lose excellent doctors because many doctors want to have their offices as close to a hospital as possible. With the enormous construction project at the Wisconsin Avenue/Western Avenue intersection, many of Sibley's doctors will have to leave their offices in that area due to the ever-increasing rents. Many community hospitals in the outlying areas have medical office buildings and Sibley's doctors who live near those community hospitals might leave Sibley to join their staffs. After all, many Sibley doctors do not live near Sibley. It is ironic that those who are contesting the new building and its parking garage are concerned that the traffic will increase in the neighborhood. Heavy traffic is one of the main reasons the new facility at Sibley will be so valuable. Rather than have to drive to Rockville, Chevy Chase or Georgetown, residents can drive to nearby Sibley and our doctors will only have to drive to one place every day. The proposed efficient, well-designed and beautifully landscaped medical center will be no higher than the Lucy Webb Hayes Building and will keep many cars on the Sibley campus and off Loughboro Road, MacArthur Boulevard, Foxhall Road and Delecarlia Parkway.

Sibley Memorial Hospital moved to the neighborhood in the early sixties to provide a community hospital. The hospital has done everything possible to maintain the hospital beautifully, to keep a quiet, serene atmosphere, to provide services for the neighborhood residents, to show respect for and patience with the ill, and to purchase the best equipment possible to give the finest medical care. Sibley is a non-profit hospital whose staff will continue to provide the most caring service it possibly can. Please enable it to perpetuate its spirit by allowing Sibley to build the seven-story building with sufficient parking spaces it has been working on and researching for so many years. To

force it to reduce the proposed number of floors and parking spaces will just mean that Sibley will outgrow the space earlier and our neighboring residents will be deprived of better service.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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