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Ms. Carol Mitten, Chairperson  
D.C. Zoning Commission  
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**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:

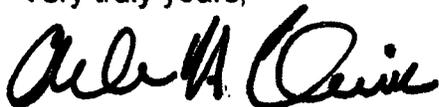
The purpose of this letter is to go on the record to affirm my strong support for the PUD and Zoning Map amendment application concerning Sibley Hospitals' proposed development of a medical office building. I firmly believe that the medical offices and the adjacent parking structure proposed by the applicant are most appropriate for the site and will not adversely impact the Palisades neighborhood.

I constructed my residence 20 years ago directly across from the main entrance of the Hospital on Loughboro Road. The addition of a medical office building to the hospital campus will grant significant benefits to the residents of this community. I strongly believe that the proposed use of the new building for doctors' offices and related medical uses, such as blood work and x-ray clinics and a pharmacy, is entirely consistent with the medical services that are provided by Sibley.

It is my belief that many of my neighbors want to see Sibley continue to thrive at its current site on Loughboro Road, and I look forward to the convenience and accessibility of a medical office facility and its related services. It is my opinion that the use of the building for physicians' offices does not represent a "commercialization" of the neighborhood; instead, I consider the proposed structure to be a logical complement to the first-rate medical services currently provided at Sibley Hospital.

It is my belief that this project will benefit the quality of life and contribute to the physical health and well being of the neighborhood, and I empathetically urge the Zoning Commission to grant its approval.

Very truly yours,



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