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Ms. Carol Mitten  
Chair  
District of Columbia Office of Zoning  
Case # 05-42 (Sibley Hospital)  
441 Fourth Street, NW, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Mitten:

We are writing this letter to express our very deep concern over Sibley Hospital's plan for a new medical office building and parking garage. We request that you and the Office of Zoning deny Sibley's application for rezoning.

We have lived in Kent for 36 years, having chosen this area for its tranquility, peace, and safety. Over the years, the traffic coming through this neighborhood has, of course, increased, but it has never become an intolerable burden.

Now, however, Sibley Hospital, which has been a good and readily accessible neighbor, has continued to build over the past few years, including the yet-uncompleted oversized building of Great Oaks II. Its latest proposal to build a large new medical office building and parking garage introduces a whole new dimension. This is most disturbing.

Our two principal concerns are: (1) it has been estimated that this large and tall office building would draw an additional 4000-5000 car trips daily. It is inevitable that large numbers of these cars will seek out residential streets to park rather than using the paid garage parking. Thus this peaceful, friendly, and safe neighborhood will rapidly become another traffic-choked urban community; (2) light pollution at night and increased daytime noise will add to the deterioration of the quality of life, which originally attracted us to this area and for which the Palisades is widely known.

Once again, we urge you to deny Sibley's request to rezone this residential neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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