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Subject: Sibley Hospital Expansion

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Dear Commissioner,

I am writing to you first, as a resident of the Kent neighborhood living on the same street as Sibley Hospital and second, as a life long (83 years) resident of the District of Columbia. I have spent the last 48 years living across the street from Sibley Hospital on Loughboro Road and I am very aware of the Sibley Hospital expansion plans being reviewed. I ask that you please consider my letter when weighing the support for the additional services that Sibley will deliver with an expanded facility.

I welcome the additional services that Sibley will be providing and I accept that, with those services, some additional traffic and activity may be encountered on my street. Most residents are supportive of Hospital or Ambulance services, but they are sometimes reluctant to embrace the construction of the needed facilities close to their dwelling. I recognize the need for the expansion and I look forward to it and I am comfortable with the trade of a bit more traffic for close access to better health care services. I like the concept that my physician(s) could be close to my hospital and providing offices for them seems like an inventive concept during a time that most people are trying to figure out how to reduce the cost of health care and make their outpatient care (with a doctor visit) more convenient. I also like the idea of additional parking on the Sibley campus – it would offer less congestion on Loughboro Road since people would not be competing as much for the street parking.

I have been very fortunate to have Sibley hospital and its most recent expanded services across the street from my house. My husband and I have been admitted to Sibley several times over the years and we have benefited immensely from the high quality care we received while we were there.

What is most important for you to understand is that my husband and I were very supportive of the last significant expansion of services (the Renaissance Building / Grand Oaks) and both of us benefited multiple times from the Renaissance facility. I can't even imagine where we would have been if Sibley were not allowed to develop and provide the Renaissance facility across the street from us – in close reach during our time of need.

I hope that you will consider that supporters are not always as vocal as non-supporters, but I felt that you needed to hear from one of us that feels strongly that the Sibley expansion is positive, not just for me, but for the community and the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

ZONING COMMISSION  
District of Columbia  
*Jeanne Degnan Forte*

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