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Carol Mitten  
Chairperson  
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441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, North West  
Washington DC.

Dear Ms. Mitten,

This letter is in reference to the Sibley Memorial Hospital request for building a medical office building. As you have been made aware from the applicant, Sibley Memorial Hospital, their contention is that the hospital needs to build this office building to accommodate the request of the physicians in the metropolitan area.

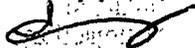
I have no intension of moving. I have been practicing Podiatric Medicine and Surgery in the metropolitan region for 13 years. I have already established my medical practice in the Chevy Chase building. I have built my office to my specifications for my own medical practice needs. I see no reason for me to change my practice of medicine to the campus of Sibley.

As you are aware, the medical legal environment in the District of Columbia is certainly less friendly to physician, than in Montgomery County. If I were to change my medical practice and have it on the campus of Sibley Memorial Hospital, my malpractice would increase by 25,000 dollars.

In today's society, the only way that I could continue to operate as a successful practitioner is to a limit my overhead. There is no need to change my overhead simply to be on the Sibley's Campus. I am currently using Sibley Hospital and the travel time is approximately 10 minutes from my current office space.

I will hope you take this letter under advisement, that there is no reason in the medical community to have another commercial office space, especially in the District of Columbia.

Sincerely yours,



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