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Ms. Carol Mitten, Chair  
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Case #05-42 ( Sibley Hospital)  
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Re: Case #05-42 Sibley Hospital

Dear Ms. Mitten,

I attended the hearing on February 1 but will be away February 21 so I am writing to address some of the issues brought up at that meeting. We live at 5001 Loughboro Road which is opposite the intersection of Millwood.

In measuring the traffic on Loughboro passing Sibley, the hospital's studies included the traffic coming down Dale Carla taking a shortcut to MacArthur on its way to Virginia. The section of Loughboro from Arizona to Dale Carla now has only light to moderate traffic. My husband and I like to walk and since there is no sidewalk on our side of Loughboro we cross when there is a gap in the traffic in both directions. There is very little parking on Loughboro near our house because of the bus stop. When our children, grandchildren and guests park on Millwood they run through the traffic. At this time it is not a problem. Sibley said 40% of their patients are from the District. They agreed there will be 4,000 additional trips to the hospital a day. At this rate 1600 will go past our house. We (and our neighbors) will be virtual prisoners in our own homes. We will not even be able to turn left to drive up to Ward Circle.

Sibley says it will have a free bus from Friendship Heights. There is now a Metro bus from Tenleytown to Sibley which is available with a free transfer for anyone coming by metro. It runs longer hours than the proposed Sibley bus so that is not a solution. It will only add to the traffic.

Our section of Loughboro from Arizona to Dale Carla is heavily wooded. The added pollution from the traffic is going to be very hard on the trees. It is quietly residential. This will change the whole atmosphere of the neighborhood.

Any commercial venture, which this proposed medical is, should pay to alleviate the inconvenience it causes the neighborhood. If this proposal is approved Sibley should be required to put traffic lights at Millwood, at Glenbrook and at Dale Carla for our safety.

I strongly urge you not to approve the Sibley request so that the ambience of our neighborhood is not destroyed by so much extra traffic.

Sincerely,

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