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Ms. Carol Mitten, Chairperson
D. C. Zoning Commission
441 4th St. N.W. Second Floor
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Re: Zoning Commission Case No. 05-42
PUD and Zoning Map Amendment Application
Letter of Support for Medical Office Building at Sibley Hospital

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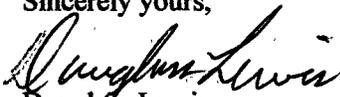
Dear Chairperson Mitten and Members of the Commission:

My wife and I have been residents of the Spring Valley section of the District of Columbia for almost 25 years. Twenty of those years I served as President of Wesley Theological Seminary located at 4500 Massachusetts Avenue N.W. During those years we had a number of students and faculty who were served with great care and expertise by Sibley Hospital and its staff. My wife and I have both been patients at Sibley and two of my grandchildren were born there. In every case the level of service and care has been exemplary. Sibley Hospital is an extraordinary asset to the District of Columbia and to this area of the city in particular. In addition the quality of the hospital attracts physicians of high caliber and expertise and thus raises the level of medical care for the residents of our city.

I know that Sibley is seeking approval to build a Medical Office Building on its property. Such a facility would provide offices for at least 100 physicians and other needed space for Sibley medical services, as well as additional parking. Sibley is one of the few hospitals in the city that is committed to providing adequate parking for staff, patients, and visitors. I think it is extremely important that Sibley continue to enhance the important medical services its currently provides for the community. Therefore, I respectfully request that my unqualified support for its application before the commission be accepted into the record of this case.

It seems obvious to me that having a medical office building next to a hospital will enhance the medical services to the community. This fact is particularly true in this area of Washington where office space for medical staff and physicians is rapidly disappearing due to cost and redevelopment of office space into commercial buildings. Sibley's initiative will help to alleviate this problem while enhancing the service and convenience for patients. It also appears to me, as a resident living near to Sibley Hospital, that the size and location of the building will not inappropriately intrude on the neighbors. I hope that the Commission will fully support and approve this zoning case before it.

Sincerely yours,


Douglass Lewis

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