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Ms. Carol Mitten, Chairwoman
District of Columbia Office of Zoning
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Ref: Case # ~~04-42~~ ⁰⁵⁻⁴² (Sibley Hospital)

Dear Ms. Mitten and Commission Members,

I am writing to you in reference to the above case number and my concerns, as a homeowner and neighbor, about the proposed addition of a Medical Office Building (MOB) on Sibley's already crowded campus. From the outset I must state my opposition to this plan due to its negative impact on our neighborhood.

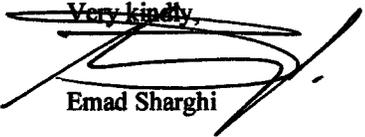
Loughboro road is already congested with heavy traffic most of which are hospital related - the intersection at Delacarla and Loughboro is particularly clogged most of the day and has had an unusual number of accidents because of the traffic generated by the hospital. Off street parking is also another issue that we face every day even with out the new MOB. Sibley has stated that they will provide adequate parking on their campus for the new MOB. However, although presently they have adequate parking for the hospital, people still find it more convenient to park on Loughboro and surrounding streets than to park in the hospital's parking garage. No matter how many parking spots they provide once the MOB has been built it will still be simpler for people to park on the street and walk across to see their doctors rather than have to pay and to park in the new parking garage.

Sibley's MOB will not have any positive economic impact on this neighborhood; they will not be hiring from with in the community and they will not create any new economic opportunities for the neighborhood. And what do we gain as neighbors: more traffic, lack of parking, extra buses, extra taxis, ambulances, stream of patience hobbling in front of our houses every day and last but not least lower property values.

Sibley's reasoning for the need for this expansion is nonsensical. They state that their revenues are down and therefore need the new MOB in order to survive. They used this line several years ago to get a permit for their assisted living section. And what happens if they do get their way and build this MOB-- in a few years they'll be back asking for permission to build a drug rehab center or a psych ward!! When does it end. If Sibley's revenues are down perhaps they should be looking at their management style rather than asking for an expansion every few years.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation and I ask you to please reject their request for this expansion.

Very kindly,


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