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I am writing in support of the proposed Sibley Medical Office Building.

As usual, the neighbors are up in arms. But the neighbors at this time should support of our neighborhood hospital complex.

In the first place, the expansion is proposed for land that is already dedicated to commercial use. No homes or residences would be displaced. The new offices will be in a handsome building, and its front would be set back from the street and face Dalecarlia Parkway, a street without houses. Judge for yourself by viewing the hospitals website at <http://www.sibley.org/geninfo/pud.tmpl>.

The services provided by Sibley are absolutely critical to our city and to our neighborhood. Sibley offers an emergency room, a rehabilitation facility, medical offices, and senior assisted living, in addition to its main hospital. The close proximity of emergency room is especially critical, given recent headlines about the emergency transportation of injured patients to distant hospitals. We need this hospital to succeed.

It is essential that Sibley Hospital be allowed to grow and maintain its viability as a major medical center. A medical office building is necessary because the doctors who practice at Sibley need office space in order to continue their professional services. Medical offices in other parts of the city have been closed.

As do all hospitals, Sibley provides enormous amounts of uncompensated emergency medical services to the indigent. Sibley's auditorium is made available to the Advisory Neighborhood Commission and to community organizations.

Opponents have attacked the traffic impact on Dalecarlia Parkway, but that road is a two-lane divided highway. There are absolutely no residences whatsoever on the Parkway. It would be a very appropriate road for a new entrance to the hospital complex. The current main entrance is on Loughboro Road, which is a residential street. The Sibley plan provides adequate parking, and the

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hospital is on the bus line. A comprehensive professional traffic survey showed that the expansion "will not have a negative impact on the existing roadway network." Cut-through traffic can be curtailed by traditional traffic enforcement practices.

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