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Ms. Carol Mitten, Chair
District of Columbia Office of Zoning
Case #05-42 (Sibley Hospital)
441 4th Street, NW, 2nd Floor
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VIA FAX: 202-727-6072

Dear Ms. Mitten:

My husband and I have lived at the above address for twelve and a half years. We reluctantly moved from Woodley Park (having also lived in Georgetown, Glover Park and Kalorama) when we learned we were expecting our second child. We anticipated longing for our former lifestyle, but were prepared to embrace the peaceful existence Kent offered in order to raise our sons.

You won't be surprised to learn that we fell completely in love with this quiet corner of Washington. Kent is a true neighborhood, one in which we know our neighbors and where we don't worry about crime, congestion or noise. The presence of Sibley Hospital has been a bonus, as it turns out. Both sons have had a few ER visits, and my husband underwent successful surgery there this past June. My husband and son even took our dog up there when she choked on a bone and they couldn't get in touch with the vet (kind ER staff directed them to Friendship Animal Hospital).

It is without question, however, that the complexion of the neighborhood would change dramatically for the worse if Sibley is allowed to proceed with its proposed gargantuan expansion. The volume of traffic noted by the Institute of Transportation Engineers would make Kent a carbon copy of

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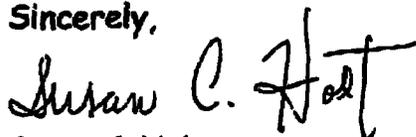
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Georgetown or the Connecticut Avenue neighborhoods of Cleveland and Woodley Parks. Our residents would have great difficulty adjusting philosophically and practically to the wholesale lifestyle change that would be thrust upon them. The safety issues alone would overwhelm the neighborhood, as well as the municipal infrastructure.

We have personal physicians in both the Spring Valley Medical Complex, at 49th and Massachusetts Avenue, as well as at Foxhall Square. These two facilities have adequately housed a generous number of doctors in all practice areas for as long as they've been in existence. My husband and I condemn the practice of growth for growth's sake by any non-profit entity, whether it's a hospital, a university, or a professional society. It's clear that Sibley wants to compete with the city's larger hospitals for its own personal reasons, status no doubt among them, without taking into account the needs of its clients or its neighbors. Shame on them.

Please feel free to contact either myself or my husband Jim if you have any questions. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan C. Holt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "H" and "T".

Susan C. Holt