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Director Weinbaum,

As a resident of the Hillcrest neighborhood in Washington DC, I am opposed to the redevelopment of the Skyland shopping center as recently presented to the community. The current proposal for a center with 325,000 square feet of retail space and 468 residential units is overbearing, and will change the dynamics of the existing community in a negative manner.

I am particularly opposed to the establishment of a Wal-Mart store at the Skyland shopping center. Wal-Mart does not fit the culture of the community and will be a step in the wrong direction for this established upper middle-class neighborhood. I fear the tranquil environment of the neighborhoods surrounding the shopping center will be overwhelmed by the amount of traffic going to and from the shopping center if a Wal-Mart is built.

Any new development at the Skyland shopping center should complement the existing infrastructure and enhance the current standard of living for nearby residents. I support a shopping center with stores that have a proven urban design model (e.g., Target with an Archer Farms Market, Lowe's, Homegoods, Firehook coffee and bakery, Boston Market). I support a shopping center that will offer residents with additional entrepreneurial venues (e.g., business center with virtual office space, FedEx, Kinko's). I support a shopping center that will offer residents entertainment options (e.g., gym, movie theater, bowling alley). I support a shopping center that maintains all existing green space, and where possible, increases the amount of green space. I support a shopping center that offers multiple mass transit options (light rail and bus).

I thank you for considering the needs and concerns of nearby residents that are directly impacted by the redevelopment of the Skyland shopping center.

Sincerely,

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Director Weinbaum,

My written testimony for inclusion in the recprd for the Office of Zoning Hearing pertaining to the redevelopment of the Skyland shopping Center to be held on February 17, 2010 is attached.

Kelsi Bracmort *KB*