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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St., NW
Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Reid:

Re: Request for Modification to BZA #16407 - Medlink parking

I am writing to oppose any reduction in the number of offstreet parking spaces that the Medlink Hospital is required to provide. The Medlink Hospital has been in violation of its existing BZA order to provide 276 parking spaces for some time now, and has failed to fully open its underground parking garage. Moreover, Medlink has already sold its above-ground parking lots west of 7th Street to the Holladay Corporation, which further violates BZA Order 16407. As soon as Holladay Corporation begins construction of townhouses on these lots, employees of Medlink will have no choice but to park on-street. Given that the Medlink Hospital is still a fully operating facility, and shows no signs of closing or moving its operation, I believe that they should be required to continue to abide by BZA requirements for parking until they actually demonstrate closure in a tangible way.

I am also requesting that the BZA holding a public hearing, at which the neighborhood is permitted to air its concerns about the effect of Medlink's request on parking in this area. Parking is only one of the concerns associated with the Medlink/Holladay project, but one which those who live in the adjacent areas (as I do) believe is critical. The BZA should not shut out neighborhood participation in such a critical decision by merely holding a public meeting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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