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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Dear Ms. Reid,

I am writing to you concerning the July 3rd agenda item to modify BZA Order No. 16407 to lower the number of required parking spaces at the Medlink Hospital on Capitol Hill (Square 895) from 276 to 171. I urge the BZA to deny this request and order a public hearing on this matter. Only through such a public hearing can the BZA hear fully the comments and concerns of the community about the effect the Medlink has on parking in our neighborhood.

I have lived in the 600 block of A Street NE for over 25 years. My wife and I have raised our children in this community and been active in building the fabric of one of the best neighborhoods in this country. Unfortunately, since the current Medlink Hospital was acquired in the early 1990's by its current owner, Dr. Peter Shin, it has become an increasingly disruptive force in the lives of its immediate neighbors. Regardless of the merits of Medlink's request to have its parking requirement reduced, its arrogant behavior toward the BZA in this matter is consistent with its well-established disregard for all of us who must live with this facility every day of our lives.

How has Medlink shown disrespect for the BZA in requesting a reduction in its parking requirement? Several weeks ago Dr. Shin sold the surface parking lot being used by Medlink to meet its 276 parking space requirement to a developer. The developer immediately chained the lot leaving Medlink with only an underground garage which has approximately 140 spaces. Medlink has

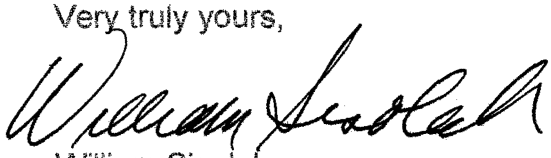
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thumbed its nose at the BZA by knowingly taking an action which places it in clear violation of your order and it is now "begging forgiveness."

You cannot – indeed you must not – allow this arrogance to stand. If this property owner is allowed to make his own rules, why should any property owner obey the legitimate and proper rules of the BZA? Thank you.

Very truly yours,



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