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APPLICATION TO BZA FOR PARTY STATUS

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Government of the District of Columbia
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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BZA
Case No. 16407
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Subject: Application Number 16407

Dear Ms. Kress:

I, Karin Edgett, owner of Edge Advertising at 311 8th Street, NE, (Square 916, Lot 22) request to appear and participate as a party in the 2-13-01 Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) rehearing of the modification to Application 16407. I oppose the modification to 16407 that the BZA approved on June 7, 2000 and want the BZA to reverse its decision. I will not appear through legal counsel but reserve the option to have representation as I authorize.

The following statements set forth why I should be granted party status. The property that is affected by this zoning relief is 311 8th Street, NE with my legal interest in the property being that of owner. The distance between my property and the applicant's Capitol Hill Group property (Medlink nursing home and hospital complex) is 175 feet. My office is located within view of the applicant's property and at the Northeast corner of 8th and C Streets, diagonally across 8th and C Streets, N.E. from Medlink.

If the BZA does not reverse the zoning relief granted June, 2000 (reducing Capitol Hill's off street parking requirements for the Medlink complex) my company will be impacted economically. My company, as well as other small businesses in our small commercial corridor on 8th Streets, NE between C Street and Maryland Avenue, NE, use the parking in front of our buildings for clientele and other commercial needs. If Medlink does not have

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adequate parking for its employees, they will use spaces in our present commercial area for all-day parking. Medlink visitors may also have to begin to park on the street, which will include my office's block. Having no parking available to clients, I feel, will be a great detriment to our ability to conduct business at 311 8th St.

There is also no parking available to my building in the rear or alley. Adjacent lots are not available for parking either. Currently there are only approximately five spots available to share between three residences and four businesses on the small area between C Streets and the Alley on the 300 block of 8th Street, NE. I, as well as others on my block need to be able to provide parking in close proximity to my office for my clients, in order for my business to thrive.

I strongly encourage the BZA to reverse its June decision modifying application 16407 and to restore the Capitol Hill Group's off-street parking requirement back to 276 spaces at this time. I also ask the BZA to enforce conditions in order 16407 and previous related orders that require Capitol Hill Group to make fully open and accessible its underground parking garage on Lot 76. Medlink employees, patients, and visitors should not be parking on our already overcrowded streets.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Edgett
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