710 C Street, N.E.
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Subject: Application Number 16407

Dear Ms. Kress:

I, Andrea Jennetta, owner and resident of 710 C Street, N.E., Square 894, Lot 40, 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 710 C Street, N.E., 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 less than 200 feet. My house is located within view of the applicant's property and directly across the street from the facility on the north side of C Street, between 7th and 8th Streets N.E.

If the BZA does not reverse the zoning relief granted June 2000 (reducing Capitol Hill's offstreet parking requirements for the Medlink complex), I will be impacted environmentally because of the increased amount of traffic and noise pollution in the immediate vicinity of the facility. Today, the level of noise, traffic and litter is already high because of the frequency of deliveries and garbage collections to the facility. I have frequently seen Medlink staff, notable because of their colored scrubs, park on the 700 block of C Street N.E.

My interests as described above would be more affected by the offstreet parking modification because of the difficulty in finding parking. I own one car and do not have off-street parking. Usually I am able to park on my block. But events/services at the Catholic church on the corner of C Street and Stanton Park N.E., the Episcopal church on 8th Street N.E., and the Gambro dialysis center at the corner of C and 8th Streets N.E.,

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impact the availability of parking on weeknights and weekends. Moreover, there are doctors' offices and a growing number of small businesses on 8th Street, again increasing the parking pressures.

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. 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 – especially when there is ample underground parking in the facility's on-site garage.

Sincerely,
Andrea Jennetta

