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Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA, Director
Government of the District of Columbia
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W. Suite 210-S
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Request for Party Status
Application Number 16407

Dear Ms. Kress:

I, Brandon Rees, owner and resident of 801 Massachusetts Avenue N.E. (Square 918, Lot 15), 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 801 Massachusetts Avenue N.E. with my legal interest in the property being that of co-owner. The distance between my property and the applicant's Capitol Hill Group property (Medlink nursing home and hospital complex) is approximately 200 feet. My house is located within direct view of the applicant's property, at the Southeast corner of 8th Street and Massachusetts Avenue, diagonally across the intersection of Massachusetts and Constitution Avenues, 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) I will be negatively impacted. I own one car that is driven daily, and do not have a garage on my property or access to other off-street parking. Frequently I have difficulty finding a parking space within several blocks of my home and the Medlink complex, and occasionally must resort to parking illegally. This problem has been exacerbated by the recent removal of Zone 6 residential parking along the 7th Street side of the Medlink complex.

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 residential streets as a substitute for off-street parking.

Sincerely,

Brandon J. Rees

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