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Board of Zoning Adjustment
414 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210-S
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RE: BZA application number 16407

Dear Board of Zoning Adjustment:

We are writing to request to appear and participate as a party in the proceeding of BZA application number 16407. We request party status as opponents of the modification of Capitol Hill Group's application for a reduction in off-street parking requirement at the Medlink nursing home and hospital complex located at 7th Street, Massachusetts and Constitution Avenues, N.E. We reserve the option to have representation on our behalf, but do not plan to appear through legal counsel. We own and reside in a rowhouse located at 111 7th Street, N.E., less than one block (approximately 300 feet) from the Medlink site. We both commute to jobs in the Maryland suburbs, and while we attempt to carpool together several days a week, we must drive separately at times. Recently, we spent a fair amount of money to convert part of our small backyard into a parking space for one of our two cars in response to the tight parking situation on our block. Finding street parking has turned into a dreaded, stressful event. Our block is unique in that there is a very active church on the corner of 7th and A Street, N.E. A large number of its parishioners drive to services and mid-week activities and park on the neighborhood streets. There is also a popular dry cleaners on the corner of 7th and Constitution, N.E. that generates traffic along 7th Street. Due to the presence of the church and cleaners, we feel our block would be significantly impacted by Medlink's parking modification. We believe a reduction in Medlink's required number of off-street parking spaces will exasperate an already troublesome parking problem in our neighborhood. In addition, the construction of new townhouses to be located on 7th Street across from the hospital on what is currently a parking lot for Medlink business will undoubtedly cause even more parking headaches to residents and visitors once groundbreaking commences. We feel a reduction in parking for Medlink should not be approved, especially considering the fact that Medlink has remained in violation of the BZA order to fully open its underground garage. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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