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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 Fourth Street, N.W., Room 201
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Reid:

With grave concern for the rule of law in the District of Columbia, I write to inform you and the Board of Zoning Adjustment that contrary to the representation made by Mr. Richard Nettler in his most recent application to the BZA requesting a Modification of Order for Capitol Hill Group (MedLINK Hospital and Nursing Center) BZA Case NO. 16407, Exhibit No. 96, the two surface level parking lots located on Seventh Street, NE (Square 865) containing more than 90 parking spaces has been sold to the Holladay Corporation and are now chained across their entrances and can not be used by the public or hospital personnel. The underground parking lot at the corner of Eighth Street and C Street, NE, remains locked and completely inaccessible except for people possessing card keys. MedLINK has provided no staffing of the security booth for the underground parking garage; hence, visitors and the public are unable to use the underground facility. So, MedLINK Hospital and Nursing Center is only providing twenty-three possible parking spaces for visitors, public-use, and non-key carrying employees which is in direct violation of BZA orders requiring Capitol Hill Group to provide 276 off-street parking spaces. Due to the alienation of the Square 865 properties (parking lots), Capitol Hill Group stands in blatant opposition to BZA orders and their request for modification will be insufficient for their needs with recent reports that the acute care and nursing home facilities will continue to operate for two years on this site. These actions further emphasize the urgency of my letter of concern date May 10, 2001. How can the people of the District of Columbia be assured that laws, orders and regulations, imposed upon institutions and corporations for the well-being of the community, are obeyed and followed by these institutions and corporations, who refuse and blatantly violate the orders and laws of the municipal government of the District of Columbia? What can ordinary citizens do to insure the compliance of these institutions and organizations to the laws and orders of the District of Columbia and appropriate and timely enforcement of these laws and orders without feeling deprived of our enfranchised rights which are fundamental to our

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democratic society?

The Lord be with you.



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