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To The District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment.

Re: GW University Hospital Site and G.W.U. expansion plan.

From parking lot to a proposed 6 story state-of-the-art hospital bringing no parking, ie: no garage for doctors, nurses, staff nor for visitors of patients, volunteers staffers, nor even the myriad of other hospital consultants and even medical salespersons.

The site abuts the historical district and is an infringement on the character and atmosphere of the neighborhood. Many of the homes are built of half-size brick wall construction with no garage. Most are built prior to the advent of the automobile over 100 years ago.

There is no parking for residents unless by sticker when they can "find a space". A 24 hour a day problem. Car rental space, maximized out, is from $150-$300 a month and possibly several blocks away.

The one loading dock proposal for the hospital means for food coming in, trash out, chemicals in, and disposals - poisonous, infectious disposals out. 55 - 63 delivery or pick ups a day have been authenticated. It is an obstreperous area. It is hard for me to believe a University, a place of higher learning, would ever adopt such an obdurate position.

Just 2 blocks away is Columbia Hospital.

36,000 people use the Foggy Bottom Metro stop daily for ingress and egress. It is virtually on and under the proposed hospital site now being excavated.

We just cannot handle the traffic now. Bringing the ambulances, police and fire department vehicles, trucks and vans into these old-fashioned streets is just not plausible.

The impurities in the air are now prolific- the smell and breathing problems are afflicting the neighbors. According to the Dept. of Health Environmental Assessment (1999) it (the air) is **NOW** near the saturation point.

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