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Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Dear Board:

This letter is regarding application of JBG/JER2440M, L.L.C. to be discussed at a public hearing on Tuesday, April 24th. As it stands now, I will not be in town on Tuesday, April 24th but I did want to speak against approval of the request for special exception. When I moved in to the medical office building at 2440 M Street in 1987, I chose a suite on the 8th, which is the top floor because my office has extra large southern windows that face toward Virginia and we have a view of Roosevelt Island, the Iwo Jima Memorial and the Custis-Lee Mansion in Arlington Cemetery. Throughout the term of my lease, I have paid a higher rent by virtue of having an office suite with this exceptionally good view. If the addition is built and allowed to proceed out over the wing, which is now three stories high, I will lose this view as well as all of the afternoon sunshine in the winter months which helps me work long hours during the winter months.

If additional apartments are built above the three stories of medical offices, there will be more tenants but there will not be any additional parking spaces and parking in our building is already difficult for our patients. If this construction project proceeds it will dramatically decrease the desirability of practicing medicine in this office space. My partner, Dr. David Patterson and I may need to relocate our medical practice. I strongly encourage the board to deny JBG/JER2440M, L.L.C. authority to build this addition.

Thanks for your taking my comments under consideration.

Appreciatively,

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