September 26, 2002

DC Office of Zoning
Suite 210 South
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Case No. 16836

Dear Members of the Commission:

I am writing in to support The Washington Home & Community Hospice's application to add four beds to its inpatient hospice unit and additional needed parking for employees and visitors.

I have been employed here since 1996 and the parking has been a serious problem which impairs the community's life style as well as our ability to work productively in an industry that is critically short of qualified employees. It makes no sense to crowd into the community, using the spaces private home owners would like for guests and convenience. It makes no sense for me and my fellow workers to have to leave work every two hours moving cars and risking law violations and fines. This stress and constant disruptions of work interferes with our mission and our ability to support the community we work in. An increasing parking will get us off from the street, reduce community congestion, and enhance the care of very fragile people at this important time of their lives and deaths.

I am proud to work at The Washington Home & Community Hospices and I believe in its mission to "provide quality health-care and end of life services, with compassion and innovation, to foster dignity and independence in those we serve." Worrying about parking and parking tickets does not help us provide the best care we can for our residents.

Please approve The Home's application for additional parking spaces and hospice beds so that we can continue to provide excellent services to our residents and the community.

Sincerely,

Signature

JERRY M. EARLY, M.D.
Print Name
TWH&CH Employee

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