October 3, 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 full support of The Washington Home & Community Hospice's application to add four beds to its inpatient hospice unit and additional needed parking for employees and visitors.

As an employee of The Home, dealing with parking issues is a daily frustration. For reason's relating to safety, work hours, lack of commuting options, other employment, and/or daycare, I must drive my car to work. Many times, when I get to work, there are not any parking spaces available and I am forced to look for a space on the street. Just as often, there is not a close parking space available on the street. By the time I am able to park my car and walk back to The Home, I am late for my shift. This is unacceptable to me and directly affects other staff that I am relieving of duty. Parking on the street also requires me to leave my unit/department every two hours to move my car or face a parking ticket.

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

DIANA Wissdeh
Print Name
TWH&CH Employee

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