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 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. I must drive my car to work because I live up north (Germantown), and I have to be at work before 7am. If I have to come on the metro, I would have to leave my house around 4:30am and I will not get home before 7pm.

With the limited parking space we have, it takes more than 30 minutes to get out of our parking lot because the staff members who start work late, block our cars by double parking.

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,

Sugan Bista
Signature

Sugan Bista
Print Name
TWH&CH Employee

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