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Re: BZA Case No. 17043 (CapitolHill Healthcare/ Capitol Hill Community Hospital)

Dear Boardmembers:

The purpose of this letter is to seek the withdrawal of the certificate of occupancy issued in the above-captioned matter and for a full reconsideration of the original applications following a public hearing.

I have resided on the 300 block of Seventh Street NE for the past fourteen years. In that time period, I have observed the building currently occupied by Medlink and/or its successor entities transformed from a full-service hospital with full-service parking lot (directly across the street from it) to limited healthcare services with limited above-ground parking. The change, in particular the loss of adequate parking, has had direct adverse impact on myself, my family, and my neighbors.

The current limited parking available to Medlink does not fully serve its needs and, if even it did, is not sufficiently used by its staff and personnel. I frequently am forced to compete with automobiles parked on my block that service the Medlink building. Some of the cars appear to be driven by Medlink personnel. Other cars appear to be driven by individuals who are either conducting business with Medlink personnel or visiting Medlink patients. The parking of cars from outside the neighbor also cause attendant trash problems.

Parking is a sacred issue in the district, in particular on Capitol Hill. When I decided to purchase my house on Capitol Hill, the hospital in the building at issue had adequate parking. Now, it does not. I believe that Medlink has manipulated the certificate of occupancy process at the expense of its neighbors in such a way as to avoid the legitimate concerns of the neighbors and to thwart the lawful process for procuring a certificate of occupancy. Capitol Hill is a fragile community, with serious concerns among its residents whether it can continue to be a viable community to raise our families. I do not feel safe when I am forced to park at a distance from my house because individuals associated with Medlink are using the scarce space that otherwise should be available to me.

I request that the BZA revoke Medlink's certificate of occupancy and require Medlink to demonstrate in a full public hearing that it has adequate parking to service its needs.

Sincerely,

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