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Dear BZA:

I write with reference to BZA case 17043, to support the Stanton Park Neighborhood Association's appeal protesting the decision of the District's Zoning Administrator that greatly reduced the number of off-street parking space that MedLink (aka Capitol Hill Hospital, or the Capitol Hill Group) must provide for its staff and visitors. If MedLink does not provide adequate parking, its employees and visitors will compete with residents of the neighborhood, like myself, for scarce on-street parking in the vicinity. As you may know, ANCs 6A and 6C, and the Capitol Hill Restoration Society have already written in support of the appeal.

Parking in the neighborhood is already at a premium. The other day I could find no vacant parking spaces on my side of the street. There were three cars with license plates from Maryland; and one each from California, New York, and Virginia, taking up all of the available spaces. Eight new condominiums have recently been occupied on 8th Street, in addition to the dozen or so new townhouses on 7th Street. We are stretching the capacity of the neighborhood beyond its ability to absorb the automobiles associated with its residents. MedLink must continue to provide adequate parking for its staff and visitors.

I understand that MedLink has a consistent history of disobeying the parking requirements imposed by BZA. The owners appear to have sought the new certificate of occupancy for the sole purpose of reducing parking requirements. BZA should require MedLink's owners to provide the same number of parking spaces as in BZA's existing orders, which establish how much parking is adequate for the facility. There is no reason for the owners not to use all 176 available on-site parking spaces to reduce parking pressure on the neighborhood streets.

I understand that the BZA hearing will be held on November 4, and request favorable consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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cc: Councilmember Sharon Ambrose

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