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Board of Zoning Appeals
Suite 220S
441 Fourth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Re: **BSZ Case 17043**

This letter opposes the appeal by the *Stanon Park Neighborhood Association* (SPNA) in opposition to reduced parking requirements for **MedLink** hospital. The hospital occupies the block bordered by Eight and Seventh Streets, NE, and Massachusetts and D Streets, NE

MedLink is a vital and positive part of this community. It is my conviction that reduced parking convenience is an acceptable price paid for the benefits that only **MedLink** brings.

> **DC General** has been closed now for over a year. It's non-emergency care facilities are used primarily by members of the *DC Health Alliance*. **SE Hospital** is in danger of closing. *That would leave **MedLink** as possibly the sole provider of hospital services for the population-at-large* of northeast, southeast, and southwest Washington. Only the wealthy sections of Washington will enjoy nearby hospital care.

I am sympathetic with residential parking needs. But, instead of burdening the administration of what may (soon) be the only hospital in three quadrants of the city, we should assist, not imped, this institution.

*Therefore, I support the decision to grant **MedLink** reduced parking spaces for its staff.* I urge you to let the decision stand, as reflecting the general interests of **MedLink's** neighbors.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Washington Post, medical writer

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