KNOLLWOOD
An Army Retirement Residence

January 9, 2004

Geoffrey Griffis, Chairperson
D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W., 2nd Floor
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: BZA Application No. 17055
Knollwood Army Retirement Residence Letter of Support

Dear Chairperson Griffis and Members of the Board:

As President of the Knollwood Residents' Association, I am here supporting the application for the proposed addition to our retirement community. The residents are intensely interested in maintaining beautifully landscaped grounds, as well as buildings suited to the topography of our grounds. We have enjoyed excellent relations with our neighbors by offering our sloping grounds to the children for sledding and walking their pets on our pathways. At Halloween and Christmas, our neighbors bring their children dressed in costumes to entertain our residents with songs.

Now, because so many of us are aging rapidly and unfortunately some need special care, it has become necessary to make an addition to Knollwood. The planning of such a building will be carefully constructed to fit into our grounds and the District of Columbia, as well as our neighborhood.

In 1957, there was recognition for a need to build an independent living facility and health service center. At that time, assisted living and Alzheimer/dementia facilities were unknown. Then in 1990, a need for Assisted Living was recognized and added to Knollwood. By the year 2002, it became apparent there were great difficulties with Alzheimer/dementia patients. Living with regular patients became devastating. Thus, it has become imperative to make this proposed addition to Knollwood.

Careful plans have been made to maintain the beauty and harmony as it exist now in Knollwood. We desire to reassure our neighbors and you, the Zoning Committee that the architecture and landscaping of Knollwood Military Retirement Community will be fully integrated and maintained as it has always been.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bernard J. Kulhanek
President of Knollwood
Residents' Association

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