December 19, 2003

Geoffrey Griffis, Chairperson
D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.
Second 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:

I am writing this letter to express my support for Knollwood's application to the Board of Zoning Adjustment. It is my understanding that the BZA will hold a hearing on the proposal to construct an addition to the existing facilities on the Knollwood property on February 3, 2004.

I appreciate Knollwood's beautifully landscaped grounds and I believe that the proposed addition does an excellent job of maintaining the current feel and appearance of Knollwood. I believe that Knollwood does not create any objectionable conditions on its surrounding neighborhood or on surrounding streets.

I believe that it is important for the District of Columbia to provide opportunities for its aging residents to continue to live in the District. The continuing care facilities provided by Knollwood are important as more and more of our loved ones live longer lives. I also believe that facilities such as Knollwood are beneficial to residents of the District of Columbia in that it allows current D.C. residents the opportunity to bring their aging relatives closer to their families.

For all of these reasons I support Knollwood's application to the Board of Zoning Adjustment and I hope that you approve BZA Application No. 17055.

Sincerely,

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