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Dear BZA Commissioners,

I am expressing my opposition in writing concerning the proposed Health Care Facility located at 7410 Eastern Avenue that has requested to house patients with neurological disorders, orthopedic, and long-term dementia.

I returned to my childhood home and provided my mother with a reprieve to help take care of my ailing father with dementia. My father has passed, but my mother is ailing now. Therefore, I do know what the regulations of care call for with dementia and Alzheimer patients, and other such medical conditions as well as the number of medical staff per patient required in a home for each patient's individual care.

As a resident, I have noticed an increase in group homes in Takoma, particularly on 8th and 9th streets. My concern is that our quiet neighborhood is turning into a hub for medical housing facilities. The loss of Walter Reed Army Medical Hospital has raised fears among residents that North Takoma's appeal as a clean and quiet community will be compromised by these business ventures. This issue is troubling for many longtime residents.

There are concerns about medical trash disposal from this limited location with an alley width of 15 feet. Requesting trash removal six times a week is as extreme as housing fourteen patients in a 1500 square foot home. This group has failed to secure commercial space for this need for their number of houses, focusing instead on quiet residential areas. The investors' licenses do not meet their demand. Their choice in these type of business ventures suggests "farming" patients. Residential houses should not operate as hospitals.

North Takoma neighbors and I hope that your findings will be made with careful consideration.

Respectfully,

Lisa Adams