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Carol Mitten, Chairman
Zoning Commission
District of Columbia Office of Zoning
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Washington DC 20001

Re: Case #ZC 02-17 (Stonebridge Associates)

Dear Ms. Mitten:

We are homeowners in Ward 3 just off Military Road and 3 blocks from the Washington Clinic/Lisner Home site under consideration for development. We strongly object to Stonebridge Associates request to rezone the site from R-2/R-5-B to R-5-D.

This site is located at the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue, Western Avenue and Military Road where the traffic is horrendous and serious auto accidents are an everyday occurrence. Stonebridge Associate's application to build more than 200 apartments plus on-street retail development will only make for MORE traffic congestion. And what do we get for it? We get all the trees on the present lot destroyed so parking can be built for all the additional cars. In addition, this nine-story building plan is totally inappropriate for this residential neighborhood. On a lot that normally would accommodate only four single-family homes, we get 50 apartments per home lot instead.

What Stonebridge is offering is another Washington urban monolith designed to cash in on every square foot of available ground and air space. What will we get? Take a look across the street to Maryland at the ugly mass of the Wisconsin Circle building. If rezoning is approved, this is what we will get!

This is a family neighborhood, NOT a megalopolis. Our friends in Maryland have already decided to clog the roads on their side of the border north of Western Avenue. This community is united -- we will prevent Stonebridge Associates from destroying our neighborhood and Ward 3 as well.

Regards,

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