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Commissioner James Hannaham
Zoning Commission

District of Columbia Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Case #ZC 02-17 - Stonebridge Associates

Dear Mr. Hannaham,

I am writing to you to express my strong opposition to the proposal by Stonebridge Associates for a huge development on the Washington Clinic site at Western Avenue and Military Road in Northwest.

Although I have lived in the 3800 block of Jenifer Street "only" since 1964, members of my family have lived here continuously since 1911. My great-grandfather was the architect for the Chevy Chase Land Company which originally developed the area. My wife and I live with our infant daughter in a house designed by my great-grandfather. I am a product of Murch Elementary, Alice Deal Junior High, Woodrow Wilson Senior High School and the University of Maryland. I work downtown near the MCI Center. To say I have deep ties to this area would be a gross understatement. I believe our neighborhood is a terrific place to live and would like to ensure that the vital character is preserved.

The existing zoning for the Washington Clinic site was specifically enacted for sound reasons to preserve the nature and character of our low density residential neighborhood. A high-rise tower, approximately 100 feet in height, is not remotely in keeping with this concept. The proposed high-rise development would dwarf the adjoining residences. The high population density proposed, approximately equal to all of the current residents enclosed by Western Avenue, McKinley Street, 39th Street and Military Road, will severely tax the streets around and through the neighborhood.

I am in no way opposed to development on the Washington Clinic site. I believe that the existing zoning was enacted for sound reasons. I also believe that the regulations should not be ignored because they are inconvenient for Stonebridge Associates.

Please do not sacrifice the residents and our neighborhood to Stonebridge Associates' proposal.

Sincerely,



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