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Carol J. Mitten
Chair
Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia
441 4th St NW, Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Mitten and members of the Zoning Commission:

I would like to express my support for your expeditious review of the pending modification of the MedStar Health/Washington Hospital Planned Unit Development (ZC Order No. 02-43) to incorporate an energy substation facility as part of its efforts to expand emergency preparedness resources at Washington Hospital Center. The Department of Health is partially funding this project because it is a prerequisite to the hospital being able to expand certain emergency facilities. The project has been delayed because of permit issues, which necessitates the modification request before the Commission.

The Washington Hospital Center is the largest hospital in the region and is a vital health care resource that would be needed should we face a natural or terrorist attack as one of the primary medical sites for the region in the event of mass causalities. The PUD modification before you is essential to enable the hospital to expand its emergency capacity in concert with our overall emergency preparedness efforts, which are of utmost importance to this administration and to the people of the District of Columbia.

I urge the Commission to act expeditiously on this request. It is my hope that this important project will be able to move forward as quickly as is possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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