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Case number 0316
Applicant: Monument Realty LLC
Property address: Watergate Hotel, Foggy Bottom

February 24, 2004

Commissioners,

My name is Nancy Menapace, I live at Columbia Plaza Apartments (2400 Va. Ave.NW) and I've been a resident since 1996. I also work at the Watergate Hotel Sport and Health Club. I respectfully ask that the Zoning commission reject the applicants request to rezone the Watergate Hotel. If you grant this variance our lives will be affected negatively.

First, the health club provides a huge service for the community, especially the large senior population. Seniors are the primary make up of this club and they responsibly and honorably come the the gym to take care of their health. I am a personal trainer and have worked with many seniors over the years and the profound affect that exercise has on their daily life is huge, not to mention the profound affect it has on a persons spirit. Personal training, exercise, massage and all the services help people develop and nurture their potential. It gives them something to strive toward and it gives them results.

Aside from the physical benefits, this health club is like a second family to community members. It is a social opportunity for people in the community to know who their neighbors are and develop all kinds of relationships – work related and new friendships. For many people this has been like a family for 10-20 years.

It would be a shame to see Foggy Bottom loose such a vital resource to it's entire community. Monument, if given permission to have an apartment building, may close off the health club access. It will probably be for the residents only. What a shame to see such a lifespring for many peoples lives come to an end.

I wish you the best in your decision making.

Sincerely
Nancy Menapace
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