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MRS. SYLVIA RITZENBERG
Apartment 1409 North
Watergate East
2510 Virginia Avenue, Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20037

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Applicant: Monument Realty LLC
Property Address: Watergate Hotel, 2650 Virginia Ave. NW

Commissioners,

My name is Sylvia Ritzenberg and I live at 2510 Virginia Avenue, N.W. Apt. 1409N Washington D.C. 20037. I have been a resident here since 1979, twenty-five years.

I respectfully request the Zoning Commission to reject the applicants' request to rezone the Watergate Hotel

The hotel and its services are a vital part of my life, especially since my husband died and I have had major cancer and heart operations. Street parking is virtually impossible for my family and friends & my visitors have to pay a minimum of ten dollars at the public garage, and many of my visitors cannot take the bus or metro

an additional 150 residential units take the place of the hotel this would making the parking even worse.

As an older resident I purchased this apartment twenty-five years ago so that we could have the conveniences of the Safeway, bakery etc. here at Watergate and the Hotel restaurant is an important feature for me, as well as the hair salon. Since my cancer operation I can no longer drive and these are very important to me.

My children and grandchildren visit from New Hampshire and it is so important to me that they stay at the Watergate Hotel & can come & go without having to cross the busy streets all around us.

The hotel is truly known world-wide and my European friends always stay there. It is an historic land mark and it would be sad to see it go.

Sincerely yours,
Sylvia Ritzenberg (Mrs.)
SYLVIA RITZENBERG

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