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

2510 Virginia Avenue NW
Washington, D. C.20037
February 25, 2004

Commissioners:

My name is Muriel F. Shurr. I live at 2510 Virginia Avenue N.W in D.C. I have been a resident here since October 1977.

I respectfully ask that the Zoning Commission reject the applicant's request to rezone the Watergate Hotel. If you grant this variance, our lives will be tangibly impaired. I would like to give you my reasons for your consideration.

My husband and I have been going to the Watergate Health Club at least 5 times a week for over 20 years.The trainers and the masseuses have helped us maintain our independence by their teaching us how to strengthen our muscle capacity and walking ability. The masseuses have contributed to our comfort when we have excersized too miuch.

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The Health Club is right next door and is easily accessible When I had a total knee replacement in 1986, attendance at the Club facilitated my recovery. There is no other club within walking distance. Since we no longer drive a car, it would mean taking taxis back and forth to another club.

I have my doubts that new owners in the proposed coop would like to have outsiders use their facilities. In addition, it is questionable if trainers, masseuses and life guards would be on duty all the time during club hours.

Our grocery store and drug store are now over-crowded and we must wait in long lines to check out. The University will be opening new dorms on 23rd Steet and Virginia Avenue NW in the fall. This will bring hundreds of students to our alreadyh over-crowded facilities.

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The Hotel restaurant is a convenient and pleasant for lunch and dinner with guests and family. They can also be nearby when they stay at the hotel. There is no

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other hotel as conveniently located. Crossing Virginia Avenue at all times is difficult as it carries heavy traffic at all times.

Finally, the hotel is a Washington landmark and should be preserved.

It is my fervent hope that the Commissioners will reject the applicant's request and let our Watergate complex continue to meet the reasons why each of us moved here.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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