JUSTIN K. HOLCOMBE

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing in regard to case # 03-16 - Monument Residential LLC – Watergate that is up for consideration by the Commission. As a resident of the Foggy Bottom area, I am in favor of retaining the current use for this building as a hotel. By keeping the Watergate as a hotel, this will allow continued use of this location to host special events (conventions, business meetings, etc.) and facilitate tourism to our area. Many people depend on the Watergate as part of their business and employment (including those working in the health club, hotel staff, restaurant, and support services). Unfortunately, a change in the current use of the property would eliminate many of these jobs, services, and fundamentally alter the community by removing this convenient and accessible center of accommodation/meeting.

Sincerely,

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