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Chairman Carol Mitten Zoning Commission D.C. Office of Zoning 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20001

## Case ZC 02-17 (Stonebridge Associates)

Dear Chairman Mitten:

I have been a resident for over 20 years of Friendship Heights in the District. In my opinion, the proposal by Stonebridge Associates to construct at Western Avenue and Military Road a high-rise building exceeding the limitations imposed under the already generous current zoning would be seriously detrimental to the essentially residential character of my neighborhood. This building, I have been informed, is also in derogation of the existing Comprehensive Plan for Ward 3, which, sensibly, seeks to protect the "low density, stable residential neighborhoods" that are characteristic of our community.

I certainly welcome the opportunity for others to enjoy the benefits of living in what I consider to be one of the nicest and most convenient areas of the District. But, I would consider it an ill-conceived policy to drastically alter such a good thing for present and new residents when there is the obvious course for reasonable development within existing zoning requirements.

Very sincerely yours,

3828 Legation Street, N.W. Washington, D.C.

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