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Carol Mitten, Chairman Zoning Commission District of Columbia Office of Zoning 441 4th St. NW, Suite 210-S Washington, DC 20001

re: rezoning case # ZC 02-17 (Stonebridge Associates)

Dear Ms. Mitten,

We have attended meetings and informed ourselves about the high-density / high-rise plans that the Stonebridge Associates are proposing for the corner of Military Rd. and Western Ave. We are less than impressed with Stonebridge's plans and their candor. We are convinced (as are our neighbors) that this is a <u>very bad idea</u>.

It is clear that the vast majority of the local community firmly <u>oppose this particular</u> proposal and the rezoning in general.

As recent arrivals in D.C. we are eager to see that local residents are given a fair hearing about things that affect their quality of life. Our decision to live in Friendship Heights was made just over one year ago; we don't want it to have been a mistake. The DC Comprehensive Plan for Ward 3 describes what we chose as our new home, a "low density, stable residential neighborhood." We and our neighbors are convinced that "smart growth" is good; this proposal is not. We ask that you reject the zoning map amendment.

Thank you for your thoughtful attention.

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