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Carol J. Mitten, Chair
Zoning Commission
District of Columbia Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW; Suite 210-S
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D.C. ZONING COMMISSION
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Re: Case No. 02-17

Dear Chair Mitten:

I am writing in opposition to Zoning Commission Case No. 02-17, the Stonebridge Application regarding 5401 Western Avenue. The proposed development is too large, and the impact on the neighborhood too great for it to earn my support.

My opposition is based on three issues: the enormous scale of the development, the adverse impact that it would have on the area's limited parking availability, and the adverse impact that it would have on traffic in the area. At present, the traffic and parking congestion is essentially unsustainable; adding over 200 housing units would do little but make a bad situation worse. Moreover, the proposed nine-story building is simply too tall.

I believe that the developer, Stonebridge Associates, Inc., ought to meet with the residents in Friendship Heights, particularly Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3E, and address their concerns.

Sincerely yours,

David A. Catania
Councilmember (At-Large)

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cc: Commissioner Leslie Krafft Quynn, SMD 3E01
Commissioner Chris McNamara, SMD 3E02
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Commissioner Jill Diskan, SMD 3E04, Chairperson
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Friendship Heights Organization for Reasonable Development