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Ms. Carol Mitten, Chairperson
D.C. Zoning Commission
441 Fourth St. N.W., Ste 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

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Dear Ms. Mitten:

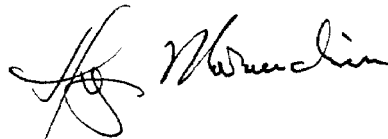
I have been approached lately by neighbors opposing the building proposed by Stonebridge Assoc. to replace the Washington Clinic at the point where Western Ave and Military Rd. meet Wisconsin Ave., and I would like to register a contrary view.

I have lived about three blocks from this site for 31 years, and raised three children there. The point of land that Stonebridge proposes to build on is not a residential area in the sense the complainers have in mind; no family in its right mind would live in a house or townhouse on a lot a few feet away from two major highways and surrounded by businesses on all sides, facing one of the noisiest intersections in town.

From what I read in the Post and the Northwest Current, the company has bent over backwards to meet the usual nimby objections of noise and traffic. I believe Stonebridge plans a child-care center there, parking, business on the lower level and apartments on upper floors. This sounds to me like a very constructive use of the land. I go to the Washington Clinic, which does not seem at all upset about moving across Western Avenue in 2004.

I strongly urge the Zoning Commission to approve the change requested by Stonebridge.

Sincerely,


Hope Marindin

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