

December 18, 2012

SENT VIA E-MAIL: JF@portlandmaine.gov

Ms. Jean Fraser Portland Planning Board City of Portland 389 Congress Street Portland, ME 04101

Re: Portland/Congress Street Development

Dear Ms. Fraser:

We have been made aware of the proposed fuel station and convenience store/bank proposed by CJ Developers for 2228 Congress Street. This multi-use project would be designed to meet the needs of the currently under-served corridor of Route 22 from Spring Street in Westbrook to the junction of Congress Street and Stevens Avenue in Portland. Spring Harbor Hospital employs nearly 500 people who work at our facility and who travel that road daily. Often, I have heard from our employees that the lack of a place near work to purchase gas and other sundries necessitates a trip to the Mall area. I believe that other large employers in the area would echo this sentiment and would welcome a quality vendor like Irving Oil that is well-known for clean facilities and reasonable prices.

We encourage you to take this opportunity to enhance the amenities for the thousands of people who work in and travel through this area by approving the amendment to the zoning map.

Very truly yours,

Dennis P. King, FACHE

President and Chief Executive Officer

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