



Military Road School Preservation Trust

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District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment

441 4th Street, N.W.

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**Re: BZA #17964 (Emory United Methodist Church,
6100-20 Georgia Ave. N.W.)**

Dear Chairman Loud and Members of the Board:

The Military Road School Preservation Trust (MRSPT) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit membership organization, incorporated in the District of Columbia, which includes alumni of the Military Road School as well as other individuals who share a commitment to our mission to preserve the history and legacy of the Military Road School.

Since originally forming as the Military Road School Alumni Association in 1997 to pursue historic status for the Military Road School, our officers and members have maintained a general interest in preserving the Civil War-related history of various sites throughout the City, particularly those located in the Brightwood area. Although most of us may not reside in Ward Four, MRSPT's ongoing interest in the community's history was most recently exemplified through its sponsorship as the non-profit organization for the Brightwood Heritage Trail, established by Cultural Tourism DC in 2008.

It has been our privilege and honor to participate in numerous events which recount the incidents and individuals associated with the Fort Stevens battlefield as a prominent Civil War site. We, therefore, became concerned upon learning that the Emory United Methodist Church has proposed extensive development of its property which may consequentially detract from the historical significance of the adjacent Fort. Accordingly, we would vigorously implore the Board to give utmost consideration with respect to the lasting impact any irreversible alterations may have upon this historic area.

Sincerely,

**R. Barbara Johnson
Chairman, Board of Directors**

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