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Jamison L. Weinbaum
Director, Office of Zoning
Government of the District of Columbia
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
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Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application Number 18237

Dear Mr. Weinbaum:

My wife, Rhea Schwartz, and I live at 4770 Reservoir Road, NW directly across the street from the Lab School of Washington. We have lived at this address for 36 years, predating the use of the land by the Lab School. When the Lab School sought permission to use the property, we were enthusiastic supporters. We still today remain in favor of its mission and its devotion to those children in need of the School's special skills.

We, however, vigorously oppose allowing the School to extend its existing cap of faculty and staff members and students.

I recognize that over the years the School has tried to be a good neighbor but the very fact that it is located in a residential area has made this difficult and has lead to considerable disruption in the area. The area surrounding the School, including in front of our house, is highly congested both in the morning and afternoon rush hours, the worst possible time to be interfering with neighborhood traffic. The parking facilities at the School are clearly inadequate inasmuch as the neighborhood is always filled with the parked cars of School faculty and employees.

On numerous occasions, over the years probably numbering in the several dozen, my wife or I have returned home to find our driveway blocked in the afternoon by people picking up Lab School students. On a few occasions individuals picking up students have had the audacity to park in our driveway. Needless to say they also took up all the parking spaces in front of our house.

On several, less than a handful, occasions I have had unpleasant conversations with individuals picking up students who have blocked our driveway. On each of these instances they were abusive in their language and made it clear that they believed they had a right to park in front of our driveway.

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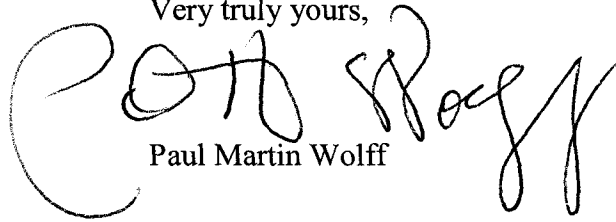
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I know that one cannot hold the School responsible for the behavior of the people picking up students but it is clear that if the School is allowed to expand, these events will multiply. If over the years that the School has been located in our neighborhood, these events have occurred on numerous occasions, it follows that there will only be more such incidents if the School is allowed to expand.

We thus vigorously oppose providing the School a special exception to extend its existing cap. We applaud its efforts but feel that if it is desirous of enlarging faculty and student enrollment, it should seek either a second location for expansion or another location where it will not imperil the quietude of a residential neighborhood.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Martin Wolff", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Paul Martin Wolff