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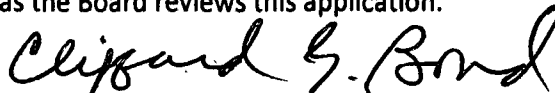
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I have received a notice for a public hearing on an application by the National Presbyterian Church for expansion of its school. I will not be able to attend the hearing, as I will be out of town, but I have strong feelings about this application. I have a particular interest in this proposal as I live on 42nd Street NW where it ends at Nebraska Avenue. This places our home directly across from the church and the National Presbyterian School (NPS).

There has been a flurry of construction, expansion and relocation of educational facilities in this neighborhood, which has added dramatically to traffic flow and congestion. My immediate concern, however, is the proposal to place a modular trailer on the public street in front of my and my neighbors' homes on 42nd Street during the construction period at NPS. This seems entirely unnecessary as the National Presbyterian Church and School have extensive grounds, including driveways and an enormous parking lot in the rear of the church and school on which such a trailer could be located. Why must public space be used for this purpose?

In addition to the unsightly appearance of the trailer in front of private homes, it will create a serious safety hazard at the already dangerous intersection of Van Ness and 42nd Street. You can confirm this by consulting with the Second District Police Station on Idaho Avenue and the DC Fire and EMS Station on Wisconsin Avenue, both of which regularly respond to calls for assistance after accidents and incidents at this intersection. 42nd Street is used as a busy commuter corridor between Nebraska Avenue and River Road and Van Ness connects Wisconsin and Massachusetts Avenues. In addition to the heavy traffic, however, the intersection is configured in a way that makes it dangerous. 42nd Street is a two way stop at the intersection while traffic flows freely on Van Ness. In a neighborhood in which most intersections are four way stops, this leads to confusion and accidents. A trailer blocking the line of sight and narrowing the street will only further contribute to a public safety hazard.

Please give these concerns serious consideration as the Board reviews this application.



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