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Government of the District of Columbia  
Board of Zoning Adjustment

*BZA # 18426*

**Re: Application of National Presbyterian Church for Physical Expansion**

Dear Members of the Board,

I live directly across Nebraska Avenue from this proposed expansion. No one from the National Presbyterian Church has ever contacted me or provided me with any detailed information about this project, which I find somewhat surprising.

My concern about the expansion is that it will exacerbate some of the current problems with regards to the church and the school. There are some relatively easy ways to mitigate these problems, and I suggest the church be directed to adopt them.

1. The driveway off of Van Ness Street to the main parking lot is too narrow and right-angled, making it difficult or impossible to negotiate the turn into the driveway when cars are coming out. This slows rush hour traffic flow and causes congestion at the signaled intersection at Nebraska and Van Ness. To solve this problem, the driveway should be widened, the curb cut expanded and angled, and the exit during morning rush hour limited to right turns only.
2. To suit its own purposes, the church regularly schedules maintenance projects for early Saturday morning. We are regularly awakened early by back-up beepers of maintenance crew trucks stationing themselves in the driveway just across Nebraska Avenue or by maintenance equipment started up early in the morning. To solve this problem, the church should not schedule front yard maintenance first thing weekend mornings and should stage all equipment in the large parking lot in back of the church.
3. To avoid congestion on the streets, on Sundays and on other days when major school events, choral practices, and such activities are scheduled, the church should take steps to encourage its members and other users to park in the ample parking lots behind the church, not along the residential streets. This should also be a **requirement** for all construction worker vehicles and all construction trucks during the expansion.

The church and the school are both important assets for Washington, and deserve our support, but such support should come with the conditions above, which are minor and are the sort of thing that any neighborly and responsible institution would want to do anyway.

Sincerely,



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