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Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA
Government of the District of Columbia
Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application Number 16542
Premises at 1819 35th Street, NW
Square 1297, lot 850
(Safeway Store #1200)

Dear Jerrily Kress:

We are writing in response to the notice dated December 30, 1999 regarding the application of the District of Columbia Public Schools/Georgetown Flea Market for a variance to continue to operate the "sales of antiques and collectibles" at Hardy School.

Safeway operates a grocery supermarket at 1855 Wisconsin Avenue which is across the street from the school. The parking for our store is barely adequate to meet our needs. This is especially true on Sundays which has become the second busiest day of the week for our store. In addition, there is an overall lack of available public parking in this general area which makes it difficult at times to reserve the parking we do have for our customers.

The Sunday flea market conducted at this school has created serious problems for us. Persons routinely park on our lot and walk across Wisconsin Avenue to attend the sale. They often ignore requests by our security guards and store personnel to park elsewhere if they are not shopping at Safeway. In addition, traffic along Wisconsin, which is already congested, gets much worse when the flea market is open. The added parking problems and the traffic congestion created by this event discourage people from shopping at our store. Our Sunday business has suffered as a result.

As a result, we respectfully request that the Board of Zoning Adjustment does not continue this variance. Thank you for taking time to consider our position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas D. Castleberry

Thomas D. Castleberry
Vice President Real Estate

cc: Linda W. Cropp, Chairman
Hilda H.M. Mason, Councilmember

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