DUPONT CIRCLE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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Government of the District of Columbia
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

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Reference the Application for Special Exception, Docket No. 16554.

Dear Board of Zoning Adjustment Members:

The Board of Directors of the Dupont Circle Citizens Association opposes the application of Mr. James Edmonds and Dr. Julie Edmonds to open a music school and art school in the building known as the Alice Pike Barney Studio House on Sheridan Circle.

The operation of a school with music and art classes, student recitals and guest performances for seven days a week will involve a great number of cars. Parents will be dropping-off and picking-up as many as 18 children every hour during rush hour on an already busy city circle. This leads to the possibility that children may walk around the circle and cross streets with no traffic lights to regulate traffic. We believe these conditions will pose unacceptable safety risks.

This area has a severe parking problem now, with many apartment dwellers and residents without garages not able to find parking spaces. More traffic on the circle with up to 90 guests at student recitals and guest performances twice a week will fill the few available parking places and put an enormous burden on the residents near the circle.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Lee Beidler
President
Dupont Circle Citizens Association

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