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District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Second Floor
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for The Field School
Foxhall Road, N.W. (the former Cafritz Estate)

Dear Board of Zoning Adjustment Commissioners:

As a long-time resident of the community, and as a practicing land-use attorney, I write in strong support of The Field School's application to the Board, Case # 16559.

In my experience, it is all too easy for a particular community to take a knee-jerk "NIMBY" approach to any development application. In this case, I would instead ask as a member of that community the following question: wouldn't The Field School make a positive contribution to our community? I have had the privilege of knowing the faculty and students of The Field School for almost twenty years—almost the same amount of time I have been living next to Glover Park. I can state with great confidence that our neighborhood and The Field School are an excellent fit, and that intelligence and sensitivity of The Field School's leadership will ensure that fit for many years to come.

When I look at the current status of development on Foxhall Road through my land-use attorneys glasses, my considered judgment is that an educational institution is a far better addition than any other likely development option of the Cafritz Estate. The Field School is much more likely to be a good environmental steward and considerate neighbor than other potential uses; after all, these are bed-rock institutional principles of The Field School, and I know they will walk their talk. I would also note that the Washington International School has been a positive addition to Burleith and Glover Park, and expect a similar positive contribution by The Field School. The traffic issues are important ones, but to a large extent this will be mitigated by a signal light.

The bottom line is, yes, I want The Field School in my back yard. I have appeared before the Board and testified on a variety of zoning matters in the District, and never before have I been so convinced that a particular application should be granted. Should you wish further oral or written statements, I would pleased to provide them.

Sincerely,

Harold G. Bailey, Jr., Esq.

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