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Ms. Jerrily R. Kress
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Washington, DC 20001

Re: Case No. 16559 – The Field School Development on Foxhall Road

Dear Madam:

I do not support the Field School proposal for development *for only one reason*: their proposal to ban left turns onto their campus from southbound Foxhall Road.

Foxhall Road has a speed limit of 25 mph. It is nearly impossible to drive 30 mph because of the tailgaters following. As the mother of a small child, I am too frightened to walk even cross Foxhall Road with my son because of the speeding cars. Why should the Foxhall Road community make it easier for those drivers who use Foxhall Road as a speedway? I would welcome any means of slowing the traffic on Foxhall Road down. Enforcement of the speed limit, more signs posting the speed limit, cross walks and flashing lights would slow traffic down, as would left turns into the Field School.

Moreover, prohibiting left turns only diverts those cars further down Foxhall Road to a convenient place to turn around; W Street and Hoban Road are the most susceptible to this use. These residential streets should not be used to accommodate commuters who want the traffic to move more quickly on Foxhall Road.

I am a resident of the Colony Hill neighborhood – a small neighborhood bordered by Foxhall Road and Reservoir Road. Colony Hill is about a half mile south of the proposed Field School development and is accessed by Hoban Road. Hoban Road is one of the only two entrances to our neighborhood and it is the second street on the left after the Field School site as one proceeds south on Foxhall Road. The proposed prohibition of left hand turns into the

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Field School in the morning hours will send those students and parent drivers further down Foxhall Road to where they can turn around and head north up Foxhall Road. Hoban Road to 45th Street and back to Foxhall Road north would be the perfect path for such students.

This additional traffic would harm our neighborhood greatly. We are a neighborhood of young children and the elderly. Hoban Road already serves as a "short-cut" to too many commuters in the morning rush wanting to avoid the Foxhall/Reservoir intersection. The prohibition on left turns into the Field School threatens the existing character of our neighborhood.

For these reasons, I ask that the Field School development proposal which includes a prohibition of left turns into the campus during the morning rush hours be denied. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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