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March 13, 2000

Dear Ms. Reid,

I would like to write to voice my support for the Field School application to relocate from their current Wyoming Avenue location to the former Cafritz Estate on Foxhall Road (Case #16559).

As a homeowner and resident of ANC 3B (the Glover Park neighborhood directly adjacent to ANC where the school is requesting zoning approval), I believe that the Field School would be a valuable member of the community. The Field School has been extremely responsive to the neighborhood concerns, repeatedly adjusting their designs to address neighbors' privacy, block walk-throughs to quiet residential streets, increase parking and manage traffic impact.

As a commuter who travels down Foxhall Road for my daily commute, I do not believe that traffic concerns raised by the ANC 3D are at all justified. The main traffic bottle-neck on Foxhall occurs well south of the property at Canal and Foxhall and is caused by Maryland commuters from Foxhall, MacArthur Blvd and Canal Road all funneling in at that point. The several schools that I pass along this route (George Washington's Mount Vernon campus, St. Patrick's, Rock Creek International) cause no backup whatsoever.

Additionally, in the past week, construction on Foxhall Road has blocked one lane of traffic during morning rush hour almost exactly in front of the Cafritz estate. This was proof that no hold up would occur, as traffic continued flowing smoothly. There was only a minor delay (such as what a light would cause) and there was no long line of cars, no intersections blocked. *This was proof that a little traffic hold up such as might be caused by cars turning into the Field School on Foxhall would have no larger discernable effect on overall traffic holdup.* A traffic light or stop sign at the Catfritz site would be a welcome addition to alleviate what I believe is actually the largest concern on Foxhall, which is speeders, not traffic backup.

Finally, I am a parent and an alumni of the Field School. This school was a very important impact on my love of learning, respect for diversity, and ethical standards. I very much look forward to its joining my neighborhood for the welcome proximity of a school with such a strong sense of community. I hope that you will approve their zoning adjustment.

Sincerely,

Kate Ransom-Silliman

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