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Shiela Cross Reid
Chair,
DC Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St. NW, Second Floor
Washington, DC 20001

Subject: Application of Field School

Dear Ms Reid:

I understand that the Board is considering the application of the Field School to move to the former Cafritz estate in North West. I am writing to express my support, as a long-time DC resident and former Field School parent.

The Field School is an extraordinary educational institution, with a strong community base. It provides a first class education to a wide range of students from the area. Of particular relevance to the question of siting the school in a residential area, it manages to instill a strong sense of responsiblity and public spiritedness into its students, while at the same time teaching them independence and flexibility. It has years of experience operating in a residential neighborhood -- and has proved itself to be a good neighbor. (Incidentally, the students are used to not driving to school.)

Obviously, any use of the Cafritz estate other than as a residence for an immensely wealthy individual owner would entail some greater presence of non-residents in the area. However, compared to such uses as an embassy, subdivision into luxury development, or a research institution, use as the new home for the Field School would entail minimum disruption and maximum community benefit.

I would be very happy to have the Field School as a neighbor.

Sincerely yours,

Walter Slocombe

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