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Ms. Jerrily R. Kress, Director
The Office of Zoning
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RE: Case No. 16559

Dear Ms. Kress:

I am writing to oppose the above referenced application of the **Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation/The Field School** for a special exception to establish a private school for a maximum of 320 students and 74 faculty and staff in the R-1-A District at the premises 2301 Foxhall Road, NW.

The proposed use would cause a worsening of vehicular congestion, render residential streets and commuter thoroughfares more unsafe, and create permanent environment impacts. The result would be to reduce the level of service of the adjacent streets, render the currently inadequate Foxhall Road artery impassable in rush hour, and diminish the quality of the neighborhood.

Traffic on Foxhall Road is already seriously congested. The additional accommodation of as many as 320 vehicular turns (by the Field School's own traffic estimate), into and out of the proposed school, twice each day, cannot be reasonably accommodated. Furthermore, the school's traffic consultant, Gorove/Slade Associates performed its manual turning counts (upon which all its conclusions, including the main one which states: "The Field School will generate traffic levels which can be accommodated by the public street system without adverse impacts.") on March 11, and again on April 6, 1999. This was during the spring break/Easter period when traffic congestion was not at its normal peak. Any traffic solution short of eliminating these additional vehicles on Foxhall Road in rush hour is unacceptable.

Furthermore, the plans filed with the BZA entail major disturbances to the natural land and locate driveways and parking lots next to the private residences on W Street. This will likely result in negative permanent ecological impacts and the emission of dangerous fumes from

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vehicles idling in car pool queues toward the adjacent homes. The closest home is an authenticated historic farm house willed to the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

For the above stated reasons, I urge rejection of this application

Sincerely,

John A. McAdams

cc: Ms. Katherine Patterson
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