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Ms. Shelia Cross Reid, BZA Chair
c/o Jerrily R. Kress, Director
Office of Zoning, Suite 210
441 Fourth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Reid,

As a resident of the Palisades area for the last 49 years, I am writing you in favor of the zoning application of the Field School, which wishes to occupy the former Cafritz estate on Foxhall Road. I am in favor of the Field School's application provided that Foxhall Road is widened, for the length of the Cafritz property, to at least three lanes, but preferably four lanes, plus a safe sidewalk. Foxhall Road is four lanes wide for the first three blocks going south from Nebraska Avenue. It then narrows to two lanes until it reaches Whitehaven Parkway. It is four lanes wide from Whitehaven to Reservoir Road.

I would like to see the Field School give up enough land from the Cafritz property to make at least three lanes feasible, but preferably four lanes. This would permit vehicles carrying students and staff to and from the school to make left or right turns safely without endangering the lives of the occupants, and without interfering with the safe, quick passage of other motorists up and down the street.

My desire has been to prevent gridlock on Foxhall Road, and to make driving safe for everyone in front of the Cafritz property. I originally assumed that Foxhall Road had to be kept at two lanes in front of the Cafritz estate. If there were only two lanes, then I would favor a system which would require all turns in and out of the Field School to be uphill or going northward. If the road were widened as requested above, then my suggestion about turns being made only in an uphill direction would no longer be valid.

Sincerely,

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