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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
District of Columbia Board of Zoning
441 4th Street, N.W. Second Floor
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for The Field School
Foxhall Road, N.W. (the Former Cafritz Estate) Case # 16559

Dear Commissioner Reid:

Our family has lived for the past thirty years just off Foxhall Road and has used it almost daily to commute to the center of town. In addition, Terri worked for several years at a private school that shares Foxhall Road with the neighborhood. We feel that our voice is a useful one in The Field School request for approval of its zoning application to establish a new facility on the former Cafritz Estate.

During our long personal and professional affiliation with Field we have always found Elizabeth Ely, her board and her staff to be extremely willing to consider and address any and all circumstances, issues, policies and concerns we questioned, and were available to make accommodations that were mutually acceptable. We understand this practice continues and that The Field School has been willing to meet regularly with the Foxhall neighborhood to address their issues of concern.

The Field School community is not and has never been impulsive or intrusive. (This is an intrinsic part of Elizabeth Ely's personality and the school's ethic.) They have given a tremendous amount of time and attention to the design of both the additional construction and the additional traffic and carefully factored these considerations into their current plans. The Cafritz Estate is a large parcel and has been for sale for a long time. It will almost certainly attract a buyer that will impact on the community. We feel that the neighborhood is most fortunate that the potential occupant of the property is The Field School. It is an extremely fine school with a proven record of being a good neighbor.

The DeVore family believes that The Field School plan has addressed the neighborhood's concerns with great care and consideration, and, if history is prologue, will continue to do so. We appreciate your time and attention to our letter and ask that you approve The Field School application.

Sincerely,

Larry DeVore

Terri DeVore

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