Ms Jerrily R. Kress, Director
The Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210
Washington, D. C. 20001

25 February, 2000

Re: Case No. 16559

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OFFICE OF ZONING DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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 create extreme vehicular congestion, unsafe neighborhood streets and commuter thoroughfares, and permanent environment impacts that would seriously diminish the quality of the environment, reduce the level of service of adjacent neighborhood streets and render the Foxhall Road artery impassable in rush hour.

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 land and the natural watershed and underground natural aquifers; and additionally, location of driveways and parking lots next to the private residences on W Street. This will likely result in serious permanent ecological impacts and emission of dangerous fumes from idling vehicles in car pool queues in the direction of the existing adjacent homes.

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

Sincerely,

Robert Hopkins

Brenda Hopkins

cc: Katherine Patterson
Council of the District of Columbia
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