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

Dear Commissioner Reid:

I am writing to express my strong support for the application of The Field School to establish a private school on the former Cafritz Estate located along Foxhall Road, N.W. I am the parent of a Field School alumnus and hold the school in the highest regard. The Field School is a unique institution and a great asset to the District of Columbia.

The Cafritz property is ideally suited for the needs of this small school because it will allow it to have a gymnasium, playing field, meeting space and expanded classroom, laboratory, and art facilities. The school is founded on the belief that education takes place best in a highly personal environment with great attention paid to the individual needs of its students and remains committed to growing to no more than 320 students.

For more than twenty-five years, The Field School has operated successfully in a dense urban environment with minimal impact on its neighbors. It has maintained cordial and cooperative relationships with the neighborhood, and I am sure it will continue to do so in its new location. The creation of a third traffic lane on its own property, along with the other elements of its traffic management plan, should go a long way toward solving any additional traffic the school might create. I know that Elizabeth Ely will continue to do everything possible to work cooperatively with her neighbors.

The Field School is a vital part of the educational system in the District of Columbia and dedicated to the spirit of cooperation and working together for the good of the community. It is also committed to diversity in its faculty and student population.

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I appreciate this opportunity to share my perspective on The Field School's application with you and request that you give it every favorable consideration.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely

HENRY A. WAXMAN
Member of Congress

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