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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
BZA Chair
Suite 210
441 Fourth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Case No. 16559

Dear Ms. Reid,

I am writing again to express my opposition to the proposal to move the Field School from its present location to the Cafritz estate on Foxhall Road. I'm doing this because I firmly believe that moving the school to this location would exacerbate a traffic problem on Foxhall Road which is already horrendous.

Anyone who lives on Foxhall Road, or even on roads intersecting it, knows how difficult it is to cope with the ever increasing flow of traffic. The situation will only get worse when George Washington University takes over Mount Vernon College, and the new residence of the Spanish Ambassador next to the Belgian Embassy is completed. I dare say that Foxhall Road is already one of the most -- if not the most -- heavily trafficked two lane roads in the District.

As for George Washington University's takeover of Mount Vernon College, there is virtually no way to regulate or enforce the commitment which the University has made to control the number of students using its campus or the manner in which they, visitors or for that matter anyone else enters or exits the grounds. So, even without the Field School, the traffic conditions can only deteriorate.

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Obviously I have nothing against the Field School, which deservedly has an excellent reputation, but locating it in a residential area, especially one with existing problems of traffic congestion, is I believe a mistake.

I have seen the proposals which have been made by the Field School and how it plans to deal with flow of traffic to and from the school but I remain convinced that particularly during the morning and afternoon rush hours there is bound to be a back-up of traffic when the cars and/or buses either leave off students or pick them up. And, in its last analysis, the commitments being made by the Field School are virtually unenforceable.

I only ask that you review the proposal very carefully, keeping in mind the attendant problems that will be created.

Sincerely,

William McC. Blair, Jr.