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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, BZA Chair
The Office of Zoning
441 4th Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Case No. 16559 - The Field School - Special Exception

Dear Ms. Reid,

I am writing to oppose the Cafritz Foundation/Field School application for a private school at 2301 Foxhall Road N.W., on the basis of the proposed access via Foxhall Road.

As forty year residents of Garfield Street, in the block between Foxhall Road and 49th Street, my husband and I are most concerned at the prospect of additional traffic on Foxhall Road and the resulting increase in the use of our street as an escape route from Foxhall congestion.

Already, we are experiencing a fairly continuous stream of cars hurtling down our hill, endangering any small children walking to the park - there being no sidewalks - and making it almost impossible to back out of our own driveway.

I am curious about the decision not to use 44th Street for at least one access to the Field School property. There are houses only on one side of the street there, and those are well elevated from the road in the school area. Why isn't that the obvious access route?

In addition to all the schools using Foxhall, just wait until the Spanish Embassy residence opens up for action just opposite the Cafritz property!

From another perspective: As a real estate broker of thirty years, I was distressed at the public's reaction to a lovely house, in good condition on a deep wooded lot, that I have had listed on upper Foxhall Road. People admired the house once inside but invariably rejected the property because of the constant traffic and noise on Foxhall. The house is priced well below what the Sellers paid for it twelve years ago and yet there have been no offers, even in this incredibly active market.

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I am convinced that the value of houses sited along Foxhall Road has already been negatively impacted by the increase in traffic over the past five to ten years. Further congestion will be a nightmare for all concerned.

I strongly urge that an alternative solution, either to the location of the Field School or to its use of Foxhall Road for access, be found.

Sincerely,

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