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Ms. Jerrily R. Kress, Director
The Office of Zoning
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Dear Ms. Kress:

I am writing with reference to the application (Case No. 16559) of the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation and the Field School for a special exception to establish a private school at 2301 Foxhall Road N.W. The property in question directly abuts my property, and my street, W Street, directly adjoins Foxhall Road where traffic will be greatly affected by the proposed exception.

With many others in this immediate community of W Street, I wish to strongly disagree with the position taken by the Palisades Community Association that the proposed development is acceptable if no left hand turn into the property is permitted from Foxhall Road traveling south. The Association has taken this position without the benefit of expert advice from either traffic analysts or the broader community east of Foxhall Road. In fact, there is nearly unanimous opposition to the Palisades Community Association's position by the community east of Foxhall whose members know that a large flow of turnaround traffic will occur in our neighborhoods as drivers try to cope with such a futile restriction.

That being said, I would find the proposed exception acceptable under the following conditions:

- Controlled access to the property during morning and afternoon arrivals and pickups from <u>both</u> directions on Foxhall Road.
- Pedestrian access to the school for students dropped off at the mandatory exit gate of the property located on 44th Street.
- A quota of 50% of the student body to arrive and depart by shuttle bus only.
- A traffic light on Foxhall Road and Whitehaven only -- <u>not</u> on W Street where left hand turnarounds would become endemic.

These strike me as easily achievable adjustments to the Cafritz/Field School request. They would not restrict the implementation of the basic school plan on the Cafritz property but would respect the need to avoid a major and permanent disruption to traffic on Foxhall Road and its surrounding neighborhoods.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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