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Hon. Sheila Cross Reid, BZA Chairperson
C/o Ms. Jerrily R. Kress, Director
The Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

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

Dear Ms. Reid:

I oppose the above-mentioned application of the Cafritz Foundation/ Field School for a special exception to establish a private grades 7-12 school for a maximum of 320 students and approximately 75 faculty and staff in the R-1-A District at the premises 2301 Foxhall Road, NW.

As you know, the area immediately near the site of the proposed school is already inundated with numerous other schools all of which generate a great deal of vehicular traffic. For example, I have observed the traffic transporting children to and from St. Patrick's School located on Whitehaven Parkway spilling over onto Foxhall creating traffic jams both in the morning and in the afternoon. The use proposed by the Field School would generate an even more serious congestion problem.

Foxhall Road, as you know, is a narrow, two-lane, country road. It is already seriously congested, especially during rush hour. The added traffic generated into and out of the proposed school each morning and afternoon will only add to this problem and make it even more difficult for those of us who reside in the immediate area. A ban on left turns into the school property from 7:30 to 9:00 am will not alleviate the volume of traffic but simply re-route it through my neighborhood in order to make a right turn instead. Furthermore, staggering the arrival time will not reduce the number of cars but will simply prolong the aggravation. Parenthetically, the site of the proposed school is located immediately adjacent to the Kreeger Museum at 2401 Foxhall Road, which also generates a substantial amount of traffic each day.

In conclusion, I know that there are many other reasons to deny this application which I'm satisfied have been brought to your attention. However, to reiterate, we already have too many schools and too much traffic congestion. In these circumstances, I respectfully urge rejection of the application of the Cafritz Foundation/ Field School.

Respectfully yours,

Robert B. Norris

cc: Hon. Katherine Patterson

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