Ms. Jerrily R. Kress, Director
The Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Case No. 16559

March 8, 2000

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OFFICE OF ZONING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dear Ms. Kress:

I am writing to oppose the above-referenced application of the Cafritz Foundation/ The Field School for a special exception to establish a private school at 2301 Foxhall Road, NW.

The proposed construction would create a traffic nightmare and convert one of the last remaining country-like roads in the city into gridlock. Foxhall road simply cannot handle 320 students and 74 faculties making turns twice a day into the facility. It is a 2 lane road – one car turning left can create long back-ups on the roads (as can be seen in the morning when cars turn into Garfield Street, one of the few roads at which cars can make left turns). Students would be arriving and leaving during peak commuting hours. Foxhall road is already a nightmare for commuting – I live near Foxhall and sit in traffic gridlock as the D.C. police look on clogged intersections.

The additional traffic simply cannot be accommodated. Anyone who drives this road in the morning and early evening can see that. I cannot imagine how the school's traffic consultant reached the conclusion that "the Field School will generate traffic levels which can be accommodated by the public street system without adverse impacts." I hope that you too will experience the frustration of Foxhall commuting before you make a decision on this application. In particular, the intersection of Foxhall and MacArthur and Canal Roads is unbearable. The proposed use would create extreme congestion, environmental degradation, and diminish the quality of one of D.C.'s truly great neighborhoods.

I urge rejection of this application.

Sincerely,

Laura Griffen
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Washington, DC 20016

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