SCHOOL FOR FRIENDS

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Government of the District of Columbia
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW, Suite 210-S
Washington DC 20001

Re: Application Number 16584

School for Friends is located in Church of the Pilgrims at 2201 P Street NW, a property adjacent to 1520 22nd St NW Rear. We have been tenants of the Church since 1984 and have every intention of staying there. Our playground abuts the property in question. Our 37 children play two or more hours per day five days a week on the playground.

Our concern is safety during the construction phase of the project. The chain link fence separating our playground from 1520 22nd Street is only three feet from the structure to which the addition is being built. This is an active area of our playground, including an equipment shed and swings. Any falling debris, materials, or tools could seriously injure our children. Our playground is too small to eliminate play from the fall zone around the building for the period of construction. Perhaps an impermeable structure would prevent the falling of materials on the playground.

I attempted to meet with Mr. Jeffries regarding this issue but was able to have only a phone conversation. He assured me that this would be no problem, but a more concrete plan needs to be agreed upon.

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Director

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