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Statement in Support of BZA Case #16611
Edmund Burke School

My name is Deirdre Karambelas and I live at 2938 Upton Street, across the street from Edmund Burke School. I also have a daughter attending the school. I come to you today not as a parent, but as a neighbor who has to live with the traffic and parking problems on Upton Street, because long after my daughter has moved on, I will still be living across the street from this school.

Since their first proposal, Burke has modified their plan to address every possible traffic and parking concern of the neighbors. The North side residents were especially concerned about traffic in that alley, so Burke's plan was modified to eliminate it. We complained of the lining up of cars, so Burke eliminated drop off and pick up on Upton Street. We complained of overall traffic levels, so Burke added shuttle service. We complained of parking problems and so Burke added on-site parking. Finally, some neighbors say, well, we just can't trust Burke to do as they say they will. So Burke created a compliance plan and offered to enter mediation. Still, some neighbors are entrenched in their opposition. At some point, *at this point*, this becomes a case of some neighbors just not wanting to live next to a school--a school that was already part of our neighborhood when we moved in.

We all have our children in school in someone's neighborhood. Every parent in the NULS group has their child in private school in neighborhoods that in have fought those schools at some point. In every instance where a private school is trying to expand, neighbors throughout this city are opposed. I also hear the neighbors next to my third grader's *public* school complaining about the impending trailer needed to hold another classroom full of students. I see signs in Potomac and Rockville against schools that want to move there. I ask you, where are we to educate our next generation?

I truly believe that any reasonable and objective evaluation of this plan, *unclouded by past animosities*, must lead one to conclude, that the plan will result in an improvement in the traffic situation on Upton Street. The DPW report even states this. In fact, it may be the only way to improve things on our street, since none of the other institutions are proposing modifications to their traffic or parking.

As you know, the ANC vote was split, voting 3 opposed to Burke's plan, 2 in favor, and 1 abstention. And, as a former ANC Commissioner in the Logan Circle area, I understand that we all expect ANC Commissioners to have policy beliefs which they bring to the voting process. Phil Kogan, who is the SMD Commissioner for this neighborhood, voted against the expansion. Consistent with his personal policies, Mr. Kogan has allied himself only with those neighbors who oppose the expansion, meeting with them outside of the ANC meeting process to plan their strategy. But Mr. Kogan has failed to recognize that many of his constituents disagree with his vote and with his personal policy beliefs. His vote in opposition to Burke's plan should ***not*** be considered as representative of the views of the residents in his SMD, but rather as representing his personal policy beliefs.

Just as this ANC is not united in its opposition, neither is this neighborhood united in opposition to this expansion. I have with me a petition signed by 45 immediate neighbors of Burke, most from the 2900 block of Upton and Tilden Streets, who, based on the current provisions of Burke's plan, *support the expansion plan*. We didn't have an ANC Commissioner's assistance in creating this document or in preparing for this meeting, but I urge the Board to consider the interests of these less vocal neighbors when evaluating Burke's application.

BZA
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Board of Zoning Adjustment
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| Karambelas | N.G. KARAMBELAS | 2938 UPTON ST. NW |
| Denise Couture | Denise Couture | 2934 Upton St. N.W. |
| Frank Wolf | FRANK G WOLF | 2,942 UPTON ST NW |
| Kimberly Shore | KIMBERLY SHORE | 2902 Upton St, NW |
| Noah C. Weiss | NOAH C. WEISS | 2930 UPTON ST, NW |
| Amy R. Goldson | AMY R. Goldson | 4015 28th PL NW |
| Shaka Barton | SHAKA BARTON | 2920 Upton St, NW |
| Andrea DiPietro | Andrea DiPietro | 2949 Tilden St, NW |
| Gregory Green | Gregory F. Green | 2949 Tilden St NW |
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| Thomas W Bruce | Thomas W BRUCE | " " " " |
| Jeremy Bratt | Jeremy Bratt | 2902 Upton St, NW |
| Paul S Williams | Paul S. Williams | 2918 Upton St NW |
| Penelope Williams | PENELOPE WILLIAMS | " " " " |
| Zinat Khraishah | Zinat Khraishah | 4107 Conn. Ave NW |
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| | Sharon Worthington | 2912 Upton St. NW |
| | Peter Wojcik | 2912 Upton St NW |
| | Neal E. Kroloff | 2870 Upton St NW |
| | ELLA L. KRILOFF | 2890 Upton St. NW |
| | ROBERT SZABO | 2825 Upton St. NW |
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| | SUSAN GILLESPIE | 2931 Tilden St NW |
| | Jeff Gilbert | 4025 Connecticut Ave #404 |
| | Ann Alexander | 2959 Tilden St NW |
| | Bryant Turgeon | 2947 Tilden St |
| | Kathryn Duncan | 2963 TILDEN ST. NW |
| | David Sena | 2945 Tilden St |
| | PRISCILLA LIEPINS | 2925 TILDEN ST. N.W. |
| | CAROL MANUEL | 2928 Upton St |