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Government of the
District of Columbia
Board of Zoning Adjustment
Attn: Jerrily R. Kress, Director
441 4'th St NW
Suite 210-S
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Jerrily Kress:

I am sending this letter in opposition to BZA Application #16611 (Burke School Expansion). After attending most of the meetings this year of the ANC pertaining to this matter, I must write on behalf of the residents of 4107 Conn. Av. We will be the ones most directly affected by the proposed expansion and yet there has been little discussion of our problems.

The building 4107 Conn. Av. is approximately in the middle of the block between Upton and Van Ness streets. It reaches back to the alley at the point where the two segments of the alley join. Out of my bedroom windows I can see up and down the alley as well as the back of Burke School; out of my living room window I can see part of the alley and the north side of the school. The proposed extension will create a noisy, dirty construction site starting about 20 feet from my living room window. As a matter of fact, all the apartments on the south side of the building will be confronted by this problem. Also during this period, the alley will be congested with trucks and vehicles needed for the project.

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After the expansion building is completed, the amount of sunlight we have coming into our apartments will be drastically reduced. The proposed use of the alley (to drop off and pick up students as well as the car-stacking plan) is going to create a great deal more congestion and noise in what is already a busy alley. The administrators of Burke School have not taken into consideration the high volume of usage by garbage trucks, utility trucks, moving vans, repair trucks, and the very wide and bulky truck that brings heating oil to 4107 Conn. in the winter. It would require only <u>one</u> of these vehicles to be parked in the alley during peak Burke periods for grid lock to ensue. There is also concern about quick access to the alley by fire trucks.

Please <u>defeat</u> this expansion program. I have been living at 4107 Conn. for more than 8 years, It is a pleasant place to live, but if this project is started, it will become a nightmare.

Sincerely,
Michael Crabill

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