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Washington, D.C. 20008

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St. NW
Washington DC, 20001

In re: Application Number 16611 (Burke School)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are neighbors of the Burke School, homeowners who have lived in this neighborhood for 27 years and residents of the District for more than forty years. We support the expansion plans of Burke School, which we regard as a good neighbor, and a very appropriate presence in our neighborhood. In our view schools are and traditionally have been desirable members of urban communities.

As we understand it, objections to the expansion of Burke center on the increased number of students, the increased demand for street parking, and increased traffic at the corner of Connecticut and on Upton Street.

We think the students are attractive and well mannered teen agers, and we enjoy having them around.

As to parking problems: people who live in our neighborhood have chosen urban living and rejected suburban sprawl, long commutes, and total dependence on the automobile. With that choice goes acceptance of urban density. Moreover, most homeowners have off-street parking available.

The increased auto traffic is an inconvenience, of course, both on Upton Street and at Connecticut. Burke School proposes persuasive measures to alleviate both parking and congestion problems. Traffic on Connecticut Avenue is now more or less congested for many hours of the day. The causes for this congestion are not local, we think, but are more likely due to construction and service vehicles and equipment, as well as suburban traffic into the city. Forcing institutions which are appropriate to the city to move out of the city and away from good public transportation will only tend to increase automobile usage and congestion on all of our streets and highways.

Respectfully submitted,

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Frances and Paul Kane

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