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Board of Zoning Appeals
441 - 4th Street, NW
Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Application 16611

Dear Reviewer:

We are writing to lend our opposition to the application of Burke School to enlarge their school and programs along Upton Street and Connecticut Avenue, NW. While we would consider a smaller expansion of this excellent school, we feel they have not abided by the present covenants and would continue to violate any future commitments that would be made by them. These violations would have a dramatic negative impact on the property values along Upton Street.

We own the property we live in and find that the school does not communicate well with the neighborhood and the students are an intrusive element in our neighborhood. They have often been observed littering while walking from the school to the playing filed their use at Howard University Law School. They have also constantly been observed driving their cars at very high speeds on Upton Street. This type of behavior does not warrant an expansion of the school for an additional ninety students; it would only exacerbate these problems.

Please request that Burke reduce their expansion and use the existing historic town homes on Upton and Connecticut for their new student population. It would keep expansion within a neighborhood friendly level.

Sincerely,

James R. Gasser

Gregory A. Ramsey

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