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Dear Ms. Kress,

I am a homeowner on MacArthur Boulevard in northwest DC. Recently, I learned of the expansion plans of Saint Patricks School to include a zoning change for the building at 4925 MacArthur Boulevard, NW. I am extremely opposed to this dramatic change in the usage of that property. My backyard is literally 50 feet from what, according to the people at Saint Patricks, will likely be a school yard complete with basketball courts and outdoor eating facilities.

Ms. Kress, our block is the peaceful home to a small handfull of families. I and all of the neighbors with whom I've consulted believe that this outrageous plan by Saint Patricks, which now seems to be increasing its original estimate of sixty students and faculty, shows an insulting disregard for the quality and well being of our neighborhood. The traffic alone will be a constant headache, and the parking and queing of cars on MacArthur Boulevard and Ashby Street will be an irritant to the neighbors.

I sincerely hope that the wealthy Saint Patricks patrons will not circumvent the needs of the residents of this community. Please remember that Saint Patricks doesn't contribute to the tax base of the District; however, my neighbors and I certainly do. I also own several companies which are registered in DC which pay close to half a million dollars in taxes every year. I fully expect a portion of my tax dollars to publicly educate the children of this city, not subsidize private institutions who do not contribute their fair share. Instead, schools like Saint Patricks expect citizens to simply live with their decisions and they often show a disregard for our wishes and our power as citizens. This Ms. Kress will not stand.

For these reasons, as a citizen of the District of Columbia and Palisades, I am hereby requesting Special Party Status with the BZA regarding this matter. I expect to be kept in the loop and I will do everything in my power to ensure that this entire process will include all of my neighbors and my family.

I thank you for you time and consideration in this matter and I sincerely hope that you consider the many negetive effects that some 80 people daily will have on a block that now contains only single family homes.

Respectfully,

Eric Hilton

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