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Dear Ms. Kress:

I write concerning Board of Zoning Adjustment Case #16859 pertaining to the St. Patrick's Episcopal School application for a special exception from residential zoning restrictions to establish a middle school at the corner of MacArthur Boulevard and Ashby Street NW.

I respectfully request that the Board members give careful consideration to the views of Ward 3 constituents living in the Palisades, while acknowledging that such consideration has to reflect that there are divergent views on this issue. The Palisades Citizens Association voted 169-99 to support the application of St. Patrick's Episcopal School. The Advisory Neighborhood Commission ANC3D voted unanimously to disapprove the exception. And a group of neighbors has formed the Neighbors United Trust to express their opposition to the application.

Among the issues that I ask you to consider in your deliberations are these specific concerns expressed by the Advisory Neighborhood Commission in its deliberations:

- Whether the application is "in harmony with the general purpose and intent of Zoning regulations and the Zoning Map to 'protect quiet residential areas' and 'stabilize the residential areas'. "

- Whether the objections raised by a number of immediately adjacent neighbors constitute "considerable objections."

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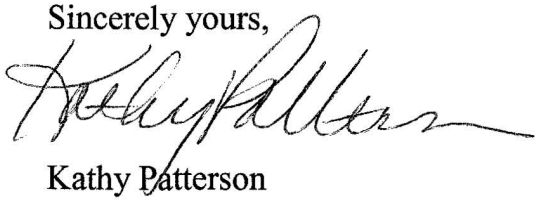
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- Whether the proposed pick-up and drop-off plans involving the existing school on Whitehaven Parkway that include a shuttle bus designed to carry students to the new school is a safe, reasonable, and effective means for managing traffic.

Finally, I ask that you abide by the statutory requirement to give "great weight" to the stated views of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Kathy Patterson