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Memo to the Board of Zoning Adjustment
from Charles Bartlett
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I respect very much the integrity and thoroughness of your inquiry into St. Patrick's application for permission to create a Junior High School in the old house at MacArthur and Ashby streets NW. You are perhaps weary of hearing the arguments pro and con.

But I feel with you that this is an application which needs to be looked at very closely because it is in fact a ruthless intrusion upon the homes of some 30-odd families who deserve respect and protection - most of them are very old settlers in the neighborhood. I see this as an instance in which an institution heavily financed by the new rich appears bent on brushing aside the interests of families less organized and less endowed.

You are to be praised for giving these families a chance to make their concerns known. Your close scrutiny of the application is refuting the widely-nursed suspicion that if you have the right connections and hire the right lawyers, you can have your way with the BZA. You are giving us reason to believe in the essential fairness of at least one government agency. For that I thank you.

Respectfully,

Charles Bartlett

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