4901 Ashby Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007-1046

October 16, 2002

Re.: Application No. 16852
St. Patrick's School

Dear Mr. Griffis,

Unfortunately, I was sick for about a week, including October 8, the last day of the hearing on the application of St. Patrick's school for a special exception to operate a junior high school at 4925 MacArthur Boulevard N.W. Otherwise, I would have testified against the application. Five copies of my testimony are included with this letter.

My wife and I remain opposed to the application for these reasons, and for those in our earlier letter to the BZA, dated April 11, 2002.

Let me add a coda to my first point. St. Patrick's adherents claim that since its students will be there present on weekdays their noise, however much that may be, will not bother us close neighbors because we will be elsewhere during the day. Wrong! In our block of Ashby Street, from 49th Street to MacArthur Boulevard N.W., there are twenty-two permanent residents: 13 of them are either retired (8), work out of the homes (3), or are very young children (2). Moreover, another active resident will retire in December 2002. Thus, there are plenty of people living within 200 feet of the premises in issue who will be around to be discomforted by the normal noises which 60 young teens make. I know there are other immediate neighbors on other adjoining streets who are retired, some on serious disabilities, or otherwise home during the day.

One other matter. I understand that a Ms. Mary Anne Reed, testifying for the special exception, repeated her unfounded charge that those of us who sought the over two hundred signatures on the petitions against the applications used unseemly language in characterizing the students at St. Patrick's. As I wrote you in May 2002, that's nonsense! If she had names,

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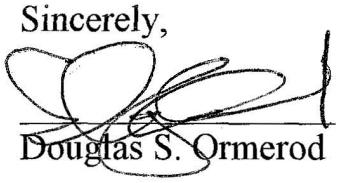
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she should have used them. The fact that she didn't shows the falsity of her claim and I urge the BZA to ignore this unfounded spurious charge.

If I can clarify any of the matters referenced here, please contact me at the above address, at Tel. 202-333-6860, or email: andorm@aol.com.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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