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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, 2nd Floor
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Application 16852

Dear Chairman Griffis and Board Members:

Working with Alma Gates, who was representing Neighbors United in opposition to the application, I was the camera crew for the video showing Whitehaven Parkway, MacArthur Boulevard and Ashby Street presented to the BZA on October 8th.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the evening session to testify before the Board. However, I understand that St. Patrick's Headmaster, Mr. Barrett, in his rebuttal testimony, quoted Mrs. Gates as repeatedly asking him, "Where are the children?" His interpretation appears to imply that Mrs. Gates was disappointed there was not more congestion on Whitehaven the afternoon of September 23rd.

I recall Mrs. Gates only asked Mr. Barrett the question once. I remember that incident well as I thought Mr. Barrett was trying to scare us away from filming. He looked so angry and agitated when he approached us that I had some trepidation and paused in our filming. Mrs. Gates' question, "Where are the children?", actually had to do with the fact that we were there at car pool time, 3:00 pm, and there were practically no cars picking up children. It appeared that most of the children remained in single family pick-up arrangements, which indeed appeared to be the case when many cars showed up at the later "no car pool" time.

Sincerely,

Megan O'Rourke

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