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Mr. John W. Finney
Chair, ANC 3D
5275 Watson Street, NW
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Dear Mr. Finney:

My husband, Zdenko, and I moved to the United States in February 1969 from Prague, Czech Republic, after the Russian Invasion and have resided at 4915 W Street since July 1969. My husband is suffering from the advanced Parkinson decease and is attended by a nurse during the day. He enjoys being in our yard during the good weather otherwise he is confined to stay in the house only. I am still working full time as an architect with the General Services Administration and hope to retire in 2004.

I am writing to you because we are very concerned about St. Patrick School placing a junior school at 4925 MacArthur Boulevard. Our property abuts the proposed school site and would cause a true hardship because of the noise and level of activity that will take place connected to a school. The current users, the Washington Psychoanalytic Society, have not conducted business that has been a hardship. Sixty students using the property originally designed as a one family house in this quiet residential area will be very noisy and difficult for the two of us. Our street is very busy with traffic because St. Patrick's parents use it to get to Whitehaven Parkway. We do not need more traffic and we do not need the noise from the school activities during the break time.

The other main reason of my concern is that we share part of the fence with the building in question parking lot where there are now located big trash bins, just next to my property. 60 children will produce a lot of foot trash attractive for rats. I had a problem in the past, and my previous dog died toughing the poisoned rat from that trash area.

Please register my opposition to the establishment of St. Patrick's Junior High School at 4925 MacArthur Boulevard with the other Commissioners and the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

Sincerely,

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