2827 Hurst Terrace, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20016
September 15, 2002

Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20001

RE: Application #16915
2828 Hurst Terrace, N. W.

Dear Mr. Griffis,

I am writing in regard to the September 24 hearing for the special exception on the above property. I understand that proponents of the school being passed on to a buyer have portrayed the neighbors in a light which is simply not true.

The only retired person on the block, to my knowledge, is my 95 year old mother, a former teacher and the grandmother of 4 and great-grandmother of 2. That she should be portrayed as anti-school or anti-children is incredible. She has doted on neighborhood children for all of the 60+ years she has lived at 2827 Hurst Terrace (the longest resident by far on the block).

My sister and I grew up on Hurst Terrace, visit frequently (at least once a month for extended periods) and have watched with dismay the increased traffic generated by the school directly across the street from our mother's home. We have already written regarding this and our letter should be on file. We are also horrified that we should be portrayed as anti-school and/or anti-children. I have been in the field of child welfare for almost 30 years and as an adoption specialist for the State of Arkansas made over 450 placements of children, mostly school age. My husband was, and my older son and daughter-in-law are, teachers. My sister has been a health educator and her husband has taught and her older son is a teaching assistant. I hardly think this qualifies us as anti-school and/or anti-children.

We are, however, opposed to a high-traffic generating business in a residential neighborhood, as I am sure members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment are. The school is good, and as a result, it has outgrown its location. It is simply unfair for the current owner to move away and subject the neighbors to the further downgrading of the neighborhood.

We trust that this will clarify the position of the neighbors directly across from the school. As our mother's health declines, we spend increasing amounts of time on Hurst Terrace and as the ones responsible for her finances and her only heirs, we have a strong interest in this matter. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gene Cohen Tweraser

Gene Cohen Tweraser (Mrs. Kurt)

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