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Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Chairman Giffis and Board of Zoning Members:
RE: BZA Application Case # 16915

For 13 years I lived at 2832 Hurst Terrace, N.W. At that address, I was the immediate next-door neighbor to Barbara (Estes) Allan. During the summer of 1979 when we first were neighbors, my son attended her nursery school. At that time, and for a few years thereafter, the children who attended Barbara's nursery school were from the neighborhood and were walked to her school each morning. There was relatively little disruption on the quiet residential street.

However, once the first variance was granted (in 1984), cars became more of an issue. For much of the time that I was her neighbor I experienced that my driveway was blocked by parents delivering their children to her school and that traffic increased dramatically at the drop-off and pick-up points of the day. As the school expanded and brought children from further away in DC, Virginia, and Maryland, there were fewer "walkers."

I concur with the Hurst Terrace neighbors that the school has outgrown the residential street premises and needs to find a more suitable location. To that end, I agree that should a variance be granted, it should only be for a two-year period.

Finally, my experience of Hurst Terrace both as a resident and now as a Palisades neighbor has always been of a child-friendly street. Some of the residents are educators in public schools. Others tutor, volunteer, or are counselors. Still others are associated with private schools. The characterization of them as aging and unsympathetic to children is contrary to anything I personally know about them.

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