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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.,
Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Special Exception Application 16915

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a resident of the District of Columbia for almost four years since I moved to my current residence on the corner of Garfield Street and Hurst Terrace. I am writing to oppose the request for an extension of the special exception being sought at 2828 Hurst Terrace.

When I moved to the area I was unaware that a private school was being run out of this residence. I soon became aware of the lengthy line of large cars that extend down both sides of the street on Hurst terrace and up and down two blocks of Garfield Street in the mornings. I later found out that these cars, mostly SUVs, belonged to parents dropping off their children at the school. Since there are no parking arrangements at the facility cars are parked every morning on both sides of the relatively small streets making it difficult for local traffic to navigate down these streets. Additionally, during special event days cars are parked in this area for the entire morning, frequently blocking access to driveways and making it difficult for residents to find a parking space within close proximity of our homes.

While I certainly appreciate the need for high quality day care centers, it does not seem appropriate that a school of this size be located in a neighborhood with a R-1 zone. I also understand that the owner is planning to sell the home and business in the near future and leave the area after having considerably expanded the size of the operation from the time when the first special exception was granted. Rather than serving as a small neighborhood facility for a few children living within the immediate area, the business is now a much larger school for children whose parents do not live in the area. The resulting traffic greatly impacts the quality of life of residents and it would seem appropriate to move such a large facility to an area that is not zoned R-1 and that can accommodate the traffic and parking concerns.

I recommend that you deny the application for renewal so that the neighborhood can reclaim the tranquility that is appropriate for the type of zoning that it has been granted.

Sincerely,

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