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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.
Second Floor
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 16970
National Child Research Center
3209 Highland Place, N.W.; Square 2072, Lot 30

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

The National Child Research Center ("NCRC"), through counsel, hereby requests a continuation of the public hearing presently scheduled for February 11, 2003 until the next available date and as grounds therefore states as follows:

- On Friday, February 7, 2003, NCRC obtained a copy of the D.C. Department of Transportation ("DDOT") report on this case which recommended that NCRC meet with DDOT to "develop a safe circulation plan for the drop-off and pick-up of children."
- On Monday, February 10, 2003, NCRC met with DDOT and it was mutually decided that a continuance of the public hearing would allow NCRC and DDOT time to develop a new traffic plan that would address any safety concerns. Both parties have committed to developing this plan over the next two weeks.
- In the interest of working with DDOT to resolve these issues, NCRC requests a continuance of the public hearing.
- NCRC also believes that the changes it will make to its traffic plan will address concerns raised by those in opposition.

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Since the development of a new circulation plan with DDOT will necessitate changes to the school's current operations, NCRC will file any changes with the BZA two weeks prior to the new hearing date so that all parties will have the opportunity to review these changes and comment on them at the public hearing.

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For the foregoing reasons, NCRC respectfully requests that the Board grant a continuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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