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Mr. Geoffery Griffis
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW Suite 201
Washington, DC 200001

Re: Case 16970 Square 2072 Lot 30

Dear Mr. Griffis:

I am so saddened to see what appears to be political pressure forcing the Department of Transportation to modify its report regarding the "traffic situation" caused by the National Child Research Center (NCRC).

I vehemently disagree with the revised report and question the grounds upon which it is based. It enormously increases the adverse impact of an institution operating by special exception in a residential neighbor to address a significant traffic problem created by that institution. As an aside, I cannot allow my son to walk to the PUBLIC elementary school four blocks away because of the dangerous situation NCRC has created. Having cars willy-nilly blast one way down a street in no way mitigates the current situation.

NCRC has over enrolled the school by close to 50% and now wants relief by further diminishing the quality of life of the neighborhood. There seem to be no limits on what an institution operating by special exception can do, and even if there were some wording to that effect by the BZA, you, yourself, admitted there are no enforcement mechanisms. Therefore, I recommend that the BZA order the DOT to implement the "one-way traffic" plan for 24 months and evaluate its efficacy before the BZA entertains this report as a possible solution to the traffic "problems" caused by NCRC.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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