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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Re: Case 16970; Square 2072 Lot 30

Our objections to the National Child Research Center's request for a zoning change to accommodate an increased enrollment were made clear in the attached letter sent to the Board on February 2nd. We now have been informed that the Department of transportation wishes to change Highland place from 34th St. to 33rd Pl. to one way. This suggestion is ridiculous.

We have lived on Highland Pl. for 41 years. Our kids grew up playing in the street. There was never any problem with traffic until NCRC illegally expanded their enrollment. There is no problem except when the school is starting or letting out. Attempting to solve this problem by changing the traffic pattern will only exacerbate it. The congestion and dangerous situation at the intersections of Highland PL. and 33rd Pl. at Newark Street will become even more dangerous. The DOT could better spend their time by policing these intersections at school drop off times to catch the parents or their servants (many of whom are not DC residents) not coming to a complete stop at these intersections.

Finally, it is outrageous for DOT to propose a traffic change on a small residential street that has existed for over a half a century when the residents are happy with the existing situation and oppose the change. It is further unconscionable to do this to aid the zoning request of a non-residential facility.

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Cc. Andrew Altman, Director of Planning, Mayor Williams and Councilwoman Kathy Patterson

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February 2, 2003

To the District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment:

Re Application of National Child Research Center: 11 DCMR 3106.2

We the undersigned owners of the property at 3306 Highland Pl. N.W., situated within 4 houses from the applicant's property, object to the granting of the National Child Research Center's request for the following reasons.

1. The increase enrollment envisioned by the application will intensify an already intolerable traffic and parking congestion on Highland Place, a narrow two-block lane. At present pedestrians on the street are endangered during the four-drop off and pick up times at the school.
2. Though school personal maintain some control of traffic on Highland Place in front of the school, there is no enforcement at the intersections at Newark Street where hurried and anxious parents consistently run the stop signs.
3. The Intersection of Newark and 34th street has become increasingly dangerous and almost impossible to traverse in the morning rush hour and when the school lets out. There are three schools, John Eaton, the National Cathedral Schools and NCRC starting and dismissing about the same time. The traffic created by the parents picking up and dropping off their children has made 34th street a dangerous place to drive and an intolerable situation for a residential neighborhood.