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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW Suite 201
Washington DC 20001
Re Case 16970 Square 2072 lot 30

Dear Mr. Griffis:

We have lived on Ashley Terrace, in Square 7072, since 1965.

We strongly oppose the expansion of the NCRC and the proposal by the Department of Transportation to convert Highland Place to a one way westbound street. Converting Highland to one way would have the opposite effect from what DOT intends.

Those of us who live on Ashley Terrace, and the eastern or lower end of Highland Place customarily drive on Highland directly to Newark Street precisely to avoid parents and children being dropped off or picked up at the school. Consequently, to convert Highland Place to one way westbound would increase the flow of traffic past the school, endangering the children and creating even more congestion. It would also funnel more vehicles onto 33d Place, a narrow street not meant to take a heavy burden of traffic. And it would prevent residents of Highland and Ashley who are trying to go to their homes from making turns into Highland from 34th Street.

One solution would be for NCRC to use their access on Ordway Street to drop off and pick up children.

We ask that the board disapprove the expansion of NCRC and the conversion of Highland Place to one way. It has always been two-way, works fine as it is, and must remain that way. We hope you will consider the opposition of NCRC's neighbors and not go forward with this one-way proposal.

Sincerely,

Dave Wise

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