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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW
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May 2. 2003

RE: case 16970 Sq. 2072 lot 30

Dear Mr. Griffis,

We write opposing the expansion of NCRC. And rather than repeat all that you must be hearing from others, let us just say that the neighborhood already feels adversely impacted by the volume of traffic the school brings to our streets. The engineering and regulatory solutions proposed to alleviate it will intensify the burden and spread it to even more neighbors. The thought that one of those solutions would allow even more cars to come everyday is horrifying. We are terrified that NCRC will be allowed to nearly double the current physical plant and eventually increase the student population to fill the new capacity. No agreement will be strong enough to resist a request for more students for whatever reason may arise in the future. Even you said so informally at our last hearing on February 27th.

For that reason we **favor Option 2 of Mr. Laden's traffic report. Option 1 is what we have been living with for many years under the impression that the 1998 BZA order was set for 8 years.** We did not complain because, believe it or not, we are not that kind of neighborhood. We did not waste our time being miserable about something we think we can not change.

NCRC is now an excellent nursery school. It is not in peril and does not need to expand to be saved or even improved. New expensive construction could even endanger its current sound position. Once the building is up, it will be almost impossible to limit the increase in the school population, extended school hours, larger summer camps and weekend conferences needed to generate income to manage the new financial burdens of expansion.

No one knows what to do with the cars now. What will more cars bring to the streets surrounding NCRC?

Sincerely,

William K. and Dandridge Ince

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