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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
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RE: Case 16970 Square 2072 Lot 30

Dear Mr. Griffis:

I am writing to register opposition to the desire of the National Child Development Center (NCRC) to significantly expand its facilities in Cleveland Park so that it might increase the numbers of children it serves. As I know you have heard from others, the existing enrollment size already violates a cap agreement attendant to a previous zoning matter. NCRC, at its current enrollment and staffing levels, creates very real traffic problems, even hazards, in this small residential neighborhood. The proposed plan to modify traffic patterns on Highland Place in order to accommodate NCRC's desires will also exacerbate parking difficulties in the neighborhood, which at times are quite severe, a point to which I am particularly sensitive because our house has no off-street parking.

There is no compelling reason why NCRC needs to expand at its current site nor inherent right to do so, particularly given the very real damage it will do to the quality of life for long-term District residents and homeowners such as my wife and myself, and for so many of our neighbors. Growth for the sake of growth ought not be treated as more of an imperative than the request of area residents that the Board of Zoning Adjustment honor a sense of preservation as as much of a compelling social good.

I respectfully ask the Board to deny the exceptions to zoning policies that NCRC requests.

Sincerely,

Mark Rosenman

cc: Councilmember Kathy Patterson
Andrew Atlman, Director, Office of Planning

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