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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
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Dear Mr. Griffis:

You have before your Board an application for a variance from the National Child Research Center. I write to ask that you not grant the variance or a special exception to build another principle building.

NCRC as it now exists presents many traffic problems for our neighborhood. The lines of cars waiting to drop off or pick up the children often fill the entire length of the street, making it difficult for residential traffic to use the street, blocking driveways, and polluting the air with exhaust from engines that sit running while the cars wait in line.

NCRC has not improved the traffic conditions since it was so ordered by the BZA in 1998 (when it presumably had only 108 students). Now it says 171 students are enrolled.

If traffic was adversely impacting the neighborhood in 1998 with 108 students, and even more seriously impacting the neighborhood in 2003 with the 171 it now has, why make it possible to add even more students and traffic to a situation the school has been unable to solve?

We residents of Cleveland Park count on your good judgment to deny NCRC's application to expand.

Sincerely,

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