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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001
Re: Case 16970

Dear Mr. Griffis:

We write regarding the application for a variance for the proposed National Child Research Center' s new construction. This is a project that we do not support. In fact we strongly urge you to reject this application.

NCRC plans a building of institutional proportions. Apart from the issue of whether it is a second principal building on a single lot, it does not belong in a historic, residential neighborhood. People from all over the city and elsewhere walk Cleveland Park's narrow streets enjoying the architecture and the ambiance of this peaceful and quaint Historic District.

Currently, the traffic generated by NCRC already creates a neighborhood hazard. When NCRC is in session, traffic jams, parking problems and fast moving cars change what is otherwise a quiet, safe street, into a rather hazardous roadway which is dangerous to the well being of neighborhood residents as well as the children and adults involved with the school.

Allowing significantly more space to be constructed will surely result in more students that will in turn lead to more cars and more traffic. Cleveland Park, particularly Highland Place and Ordway Street, cannot absorb the added cars and traffic which will most surely result with any increase in the NCRC student body. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Bascom Susan Talley

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cc: Andrew Altman
Kathy Patterson

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