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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
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441 4th Street, Suite 201
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Dear Mr. Griffis,
Re: Case 16970

We are very close neighbors of the Nation Child Research Center (NCRC). We are absolutely opposed to their plans for expansion.

For a number of years we have found the ever-increasing traffic during rush hour on Ordway Street, NW, completely risky and dangerous. This time of day coincides with drop-off and pick-up periods at the NCRC. This is not only unsafe for the children but the neighborhood as well.

Cars are illegally parked for special events and parents escort their children down a very tricky and difficult hill. I will never forget watching a child darting between two parked SUV's into the middle of Ordway Street onto a speeding car. Fortunately, I happened to be on the other side of the street, where there are no sidewalks, to warn the child and parent to stop in their tracks – **A TRAGEDY IN THE MAKING!!!** Just last week, at the NCRC all student Pajama Party, cars were illegally parked across from our house on Ordway Street. We alerted their Security Agent, who immediately went to the school to broadcast the problem. The parents did not move their cars until the party was over. They have complete disrespect of the neighborhood and ignore any warnings.

I hope the potential catastrophe of a child darting into moving traffic, is a sufficient example in your decision to deny the proposed expansion of the NCRC. It is completely unnecessary. It compounds an existing, severe safety issue.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel J. Carabetta, Jr. and Richard Molinaroli

cc: Andrew Altman, Kathy Patterson

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