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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Highland Place NW

Dear Mr Griffis:

We are writing to you regarding the ongoing consideration of the National Child Research Center's request for approval to make changes to the school campus. We support NCRC in their effort to expand and therefore we want to specifically to register support for DDOT's proposal to make Highland Place a one-way street.

We have perhaps, a unique perspective on the situation. We are both parents of NCRC children as well as neighbors. We live across the street from the school.

Before we moved to Highland Place we were among those who drove our children to school daily. As such we were subjected to regular rules, regulations and reminders about traffic from the school administration. We have never seen so thoughtful an implementation of traffic management and neighborhood consideration as is conducted daily by all NCRC personnel and volunteers.

As residents, we can now assure you that Highland Place retains a quiet, peaceful and very neighborhood-like atmospshere at all times. Even during the school's so called "pick-up and drop-off" times the amount of cars and disruption is so minimal that the objections and complaints we have long heard about seem completely disproportionate to reality. It is particularly ironic since not three blocks away in either direction lie Connecticut avenue and 34th street. For neighbors to suggest that some cars on Highland Place disrupts their way of life is absurd. Highland Place remains a bastion of calm amid those busy streets. No residence in the neighborhood has better proximity to give you this testimony than ours.

Nonetheless, in its ongoing attempts to satisfy the opposing neighbors, the school has determined to support the promotion of a one-way street designation for Highland

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Place. As a resident it is not our preference, but if making Highland a one way street is the answer to a fair compromise, we are all for it and hereby encourage its approval.

For this reason, we urge you to seriously consider this one-way solution. The issue is clearly not whether NCRC adds ten new children to their program. The issue is the safety of the residents, school children and the Cleveland Park Club members that use this street now. The solution has nothing to do with enrollment numbers, the solution is to make this street safe for everyone who uses it—today and in the future. Making Highland Place one-way will do that.

Thank you for your consideration.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions. 202.362.3056

Sincerely,

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