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Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street N.W. Suite 210
Washington D.C. 20001

Re: **Case #16970 (NCRC Application)**

Dear Mr. Griffis:

I am a resident of Cleveland Park and live on the Wisconsin Avenue side of 34th Street in the neighborhood that adjoins the immediate vicinity of NCRC. I have lived in this neighborhood for many years.

I oppose NCRC's application to expand its facilities and to increase the size of its student and staff population. I believe that NCRC's application, if approved, will have serious adverse effects on the entire neighborhood and that the entire neighborhood will suffer, not just those homeowners and residents who live in the immediate vicinity of the school.

I have lived in this neighborhood for many years. I remember when NCRC served this particular neighborhood and many families walked their children to and from the school. I understand that now less than ten percent of the student population resides within walking distance of the school, and that approximately 40 percent of the student population comes from Maryland or Virginia.

I understand NCRC's need for renovation and even modest new construction to improve its physical plant for teachers and students alike. I object, however, to its expansion. NCRC brings too many commuters to our streets throughout the day. The neighborhood is already saturated with traffic from the school, and the streets surrounding NCRC simply cannot accommodate any more cars.

I do not understand why NCRC believes that it must grow in size and population. NCRC has never adequately explained why it believes that increasing the size of the student and staff population is so important, or why it is necessary to add new physical improvements that will almost double the school's size.

In light of NCRC's current traffic and its adverse impact on our neighborhood, I respectfully request the BZA to reject NCRC's application.

Very truly yours,

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Cc: Mr. Andrew Altman
Mr. Dan Tangherlini
Ms. Kathy Patterson

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