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BZA Chair Geoffrey Griffis
441 Fourth St NW Room 201
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Re: Opposition to NCRC application # 16970

Dear Chairman Griffis and Board Members;

My wife and I have lived across from NCRC for 23 years, and our daughter attended NCRC for two years. Our concern over the proposed addition is that the new building, the bridge between the buildings, and the upgrade of the bicycle maintenance shed to a two car garage collectively will eliminate most of our winter light, given the elevation of NCRC in relation to us.

That is a tough-luck case, I suppose. Our larger concern is the parking, driving, and traffic commotion which I can assure you has escalated over the years. They have moved to more students, typically single arrivals in SUVs from car pooling in Volvos. They wheel in and out, across our parking on occasion, and generally add to significant congestion, especially during morning rush hour from 8 until 9. My wife has trouble exiting from our driveway to go to her work regularly.

In addition, the proposal will add staff to NCRC. The staff also have problems with parking, and regularly use restricted Zone 3 parking for the day. For example, a beautiful blue Ford Taurus, DC AY 0307, for last year and for this fall has parked in front of 3071, -075, -79, or -81, running at 76% of the classroom days this fall. Yes, I have a life, but I also work at home. I have called parking, have talked with the enforcement staff as I see them, and have seen a few tickets on her car. I conclude she does not care, NCRC pays the tickets, or the fix is in. Thus, one week ago I walked up from Conn. Avenue at 3 pm. A Maryland pickup tradesman's car, parked at the end of NCRC's open parking and in the Zone 3 restriction, had a ticket, which the driver glumly confronted. I arrive at my home to find the blue Taurus with no ticket. You figure it out.

This project is just over-whelming in relation to the neighborhood, and is one more creeping escalation of staff and student traffic invasion. I request you deny the permit.

Sincerely,

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