RE: OPPOSITION TO NCRC APPLICATION # 16970

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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
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Dear Mr. Griffis,

We are very close neighbors (4th house West of the Ordway St. School Entrance) of the National 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 AND FATALITY IN THE MAKING!!!**

Just yesterday, a car parked illegally, directly in front of our driveway. After calling the school I was told that perhaps I should post a "Do Not Park" sign in front of our driveway. This is not my liability – it is NCRC's. They have complete disrespect for our 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,

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