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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W. Second Floor
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: BZA Application Number 16970 – National Child Research Center

POINT OF CORRECTION AND CLARIFICATION

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

I am writing to correct and clarify a point that I made during my cross-examination of Mr. Stephen G. Petersen at the Board's October 28, 2003, hearing on the above-referenced case. You may recall that Mr. Petersen appeared as the traffic expert for the Cleveland Park Neighbors.

During my cross-examination on behalf of The Friends of NCRC, I asked Mr. Peterson about Chart 4 of the report he had submitted to the Board. Specifically, I asked Mr. Peterson why only one student was shown as a walker from Ordway Street during the mid-day drop off at NCRC (12:30 – 12:45 p.m.). I also asked why my twin daughters were not shown as walkers from Ordway at this time of day. In addition, I referred to three other children who should have been shown as walkers from Ordway Street during this time period.

At the Board's hearing on November 4, it was brought to my attention that Chart 4 of Mr. Petersen's report contains observations from April 30 and May 1 of 2002. When I questioned Mr. Petersen, I was under the mistaken belief that the dates of observation were from April and May of 2003. My questions about the absence of my twin daughters and the specific children I mentioned would have been appropriate with respect to Ordway Street observations for NCRC's 2002-2003 school year, but not the earlier year.

Since the November 4th hearing, I have had the opportunity to review NCRC's school directory for its 2001-2002 year (i.e., the period covered by Chart 4). The directory lists five afternoon students who lived within four blocks of NCRC, on the Ordway side of its property. If I had understood the correct year at the October 28 hearing, I would have cross-examined Mr. Peterson about these five children, instead of those that I identified from 2002-2003.

I regret this error and hereby request the Board to take notice of my mistake. I was able to apologize to Mr. Petersen in person at the November 4 hearing. It is my hope that the Board will accept my apology as well.

Sincerely,

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