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Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210S
Washington, D.C. 20001

BZA # 17055

Dear Chairman Griffis,

Since early this year, I have been monitoring the progress of the mediation between Army Distaff Foundation and Knollwood Neighbors regarding a proposed addition to the Knollwood building. In the mediation, the neighbors made a huge concession in allowing the proposed building to be constructed in the one area on the property where most neighbors will be adversely affected. Unfortunately, Army Distaff Foundation has been unwilling to make a comparable concession sought by the neighbors, namely, a long-term moratorium on construction in the heavily forested areas on the Knollwood campus.

Therefore, I recommend that the BZA deny the application as presented by Army Distaff and uphold the decision of the BZA in 1991 that created a 25 moratorium on construction. This action will preserve the heavily forested areas for another 12 years and/or create new impetus for Army Distaff to mediate in good faith with Knollwood Neighbors.

Sincerely,

David A. Catania

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