RE: BZA Application # 17149

August 30, 2004

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

Dear Mr. Griffis:

On June 21, 2004, I wrote to the Board with questions about the DDOT Report on the Sidwell Friends School application.

I am appalled to learn DDOT has chosen to ignore this case, the BZA requests, the ANCs questions and the concerns I expressed in my letter.

Their lack of action sets a very dangerous precedent. It also throws into question the many sections of the OP report which refer to the DDOT findings and recommendations.

I am a Sidwell neighbor who is negatively impacted by the institution's repeated failure to control their traffic and parking. I have many concerns about the failures and omissions in the proposed Transportation Plan, which I detailed in the "Community Perspective on the Sidwell Friends School Transportation Plan", submitted to the record.

In the upcoming review, the BZA Board will face substantive issues relating to traffic, parking and transportation policies which are fundamental and interwoven in the whole Sidwell application. These questions are central to community concerns as well as raise questions of compliance with zoning regulations, particularly 206.2 and 206.3.

Please do not back off from your request to DDOT and the process you outlined as an option to their absence. Proceeding without this exchange establishes a very serious precedent. It would be better to delay the BZA hearing for a couple weeks than to have the DDOT absence become an acceptable precedent in the BZA review process.

Cordially,

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