May 4, 2004

Government of the District of Columbia
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.
Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application Number 17160
Northwest Settlement House

Dear Board:

I implore you to not burden this one-block residential street with 40 cars in the morning and 40 cars in the evening dropping off and picking up kids from the Northwest Settlement House ("NSH") day care center.

In the last few weeks, the daily car traffic from the NWS has decreased dramatically. Having witnessed and been affected personally by the daily traffic from the business of the NSH for the last 13 years, I cannot explain this anomaly. The vast majority of the kids I have witnessed going into the NSH for the last 13 years twice daily have been dropped off in cars, usually SUVs, many of them from Maryland and Virginia. I hope any traffic studies you have done have not been done in the last few weeks since they would be completely skewed by the tremendous decrease in the daily traffic on this small street caused by the NSH. There are at least two major churches within two blocks of the NSH which could easily accommodate the NSH day care facilities.

The tax-paying, hard-working residents of this one-block street do not deserve to be inundated both morning and night by 40 horn-honking, noisy cars by the large business of the NSH. The NSH should find a commercial site suitable for such a large business and the residents and children of this street should not have to shoulder the particular unsafe burden of that amount of traffic twice daily on this one-block residential street.

I have to work every day and cannot attend the scheduled hearing, but I hope you will hear my plea.

Sincerely,

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