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Chairman
D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Re: Lab School of Washington, hearing on 22 November 2005

Dear Geoffrey Griffis:

As a resident and homeowner in the Palisades area, I am writing to support the application of the Lab School of Washington for an increase in students and staff and for additional parking spaces along Whitehaven Parkway. The parking spaces are badly needed due to traffic congestion in the area because there are several churches and schools within a small area. These are all important community resources. The parking spaces put in recently by St. Patrick's Church and School at the Foxhall Road end of Whitehaven helped greatly to ease the congestion, and it seems to me there is room at the other end of Whitehaven to provide similar relief.

I am not associated with the Lab School nor do I have a child attending it. My only connection is that I interviewed the Director a few years ago for an article in the Palisades Citizens Association newsletter. I was very impressed with the school's work and with the expansion of their facilities that had just been completed. The Lab School should be allowed to use those facilities to the fullest, which benefits children from all over our city. As a neighbor, they make the pool available to Palisades residents for a small fee in the summer, and I know they helped make the PCA Annual Family Night a roaring success this October.

In sum, I believe that the Lab School is a good neighbor and a valuable resource in my community that should be allowed to increase the services it provides, that additional parking will help ease traffic problems, and that the school would certainly address any concerns that immediately adjacent neighbors might have about this change.

Thank you,

Linda Starke

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