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

RE: Application No. 17429 Friends of St. Patrick's
Hearing Date: 2/28/06

Dear Chairman Griffis:

As an immediate neighbor of the subject property, I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the application of the Friends of St. Patrick to develop a new middle and high school at 1801 Foxhall Road, NW.

I have resided at 1701 Foxhall Road NW for the past 15 years and have watched with consternation the constant stream of educational institutions (Rock Creek School, Washington International School, Field School, St. Patrick's, GWU at Mount Vernon) that have been built or expanded over the years and have completely overwhelmed the road infrastructure of my neighborhood. Here we go again, with yet another school requesting that this neighborhood carry the burden of increased traffic and congestion to satisfy the needs of non-area residents. Unfortunately, the Friends of St. Patrick's, a wealthy and powerful group, wants you to believe that their proposed school would not negatively impact this area. Nothing could be further from the truth.

As you undoubtedly know, the Friends of St. Patrick's has spared no expense in lobbying and bullying this area into accepting whatever they want without regard to the real impact on the neighborhood. As a practicing attorney, I know that expert traffic planners are simply hired guns who will say anything to satisfy the needs of their well-heeled clients. Please don't be duped by the expensive and slick presentation of the St. Patrick's public relations machine. The fact is (and everyone who lives here knows) that the proposed size of this school, 440 students and 100 faculty, will unduly burden this area. If the school is approved without severe restrictions on its size, traffic, and access, it will lead to absolute gridlock on Foxhall Road. It is my neighborhood's quality of life and property values that are at stake.

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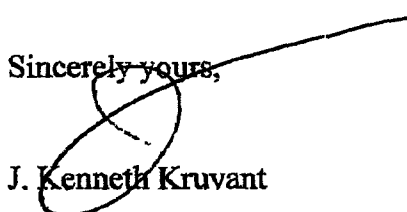
I believe that this application should be denied based on the school's failure to demonstrate that it will not substantially burden this neighborhood. However, if you are inclined to approve I strongly urge you to cap the number of students/faculty, restrict the vehicular access to the property, and force the school to accept access from the obvious best choice for the area- WHITEHAVEN PARKWAY, not further south on Foxhall Road.

As you already know, there are going to be 50 homes built at the Phillips Estate at the intersection of W Street and Foxhall Road imminently north of the property. I understand that another traffic light will be placed near W Street on Foxhall Road to allow access to that development. Therefore if you permit St. Patrick's to add a school of this size and develop another 28 single family homes at the Brady Estate, Foxhall Road, North and South will continue to deteriorate and there will be horrendous traffic jams every day. I have lived in DC to avoid the beltway traffic and we will have a mini-beltway right here inside the District of Columbia on a major arterial road to downtown DC.

I urge you not to be taken in by St. Patrick's empty promises. If a new school is to be approved on that property it should be much smaller and be granted vehicular access only at WHITEHAVEN PARKWAY. (where a new traffic light was just erected last year) and not across from the German Ambassador's residence as St. Patrick's dictates. In addition, the same kind of traffic restrictions that have lessened the negative impact of the Field School must be imposed on St. Patrick's. And those restrictions must be enforced by making an increase in the school enrollment contingent on a demonstration that the restrictions have been complied with and are working to lessen the impact on the area.. Let Field School be a model for restrictions on any St. Patrick's school at this property or otherwise St. Patrick's will run roughshod over the entire area and make a mockery of this review process.

Thank you for your serious consideration of my comments.

Sincerely yours,



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