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Dear Chairman Hill and the Board of Zoning Adjustment,

I am writing to you regarding the River School application because I feel strongly that the proposed project will substantially worsen an already dangerous traffic area, particularly where Van Ness Street, 42nd Street and Nebraska Ave. intersect. My family lives on 4200 43rd Street NW, at the corner of Van Ness and 43rd. We see cars backed up on Van Ness during morning rush hour due to congestion at the Nebraska intersection and by National Presbyterian School's driveway. Cars on 42nd Street often back up at Van Ness because of the stop sign, and some will try to nose their way onto Van Ness out of frustration, creating dangerous situations. Even as a walker, I find the intersection challenging, with left-turning vehicles having limited patience and sight lines. Seeing young students and elderly walkers trying to navigate this area also concerns me. (Only two days ago a car ran the red light on Nebraska just as I reached the other side.)

I agree with the ANC's conclusion that this project should not be approved for this location. Among other things, the traffic mitigation plan the River School has proposed is not realistic or enforceable. I appreciate the River School and its mission, but I think there are far better and larger locations in Ward 3 or elsewhere in DC that can accommodate their needs and those of the surrounding neighborhood.

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Respectfully,

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