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Greetings,

I'm writing to express deep concerns about - and to ask for your assistance with - the proposed new River School campus at 4220 Nebraska Ave NW (DC Zoning Case #20472).

As proposed, this project is wholly outside of the scope and character of the surrounding neighborhood, would create serious safety concerns for residents of the local neighborhood given dramatically increased traffic on residential streets, and have a massive negative impact on a much larger group of residents by unnecessarily clogging up a major thoroughfare during the worst possible times of the day.

Despite my concerns about River School's plans, I am a staunch supporter of private property rights and do not object to their purchase and use of this property under existing zoning protections. What I do strongly object to is the notion that

the DC government would provide them ANY exemptions, exceptions, or changes to existing regulations. They purchased the property with a specific set of zoning restrictions in place and should have no expectation that the government will gift them more expansive uses of that property. This is particularly the case where the benefits of any zoning changes would fall solely to members of a private organization, many of whom do not reside or pay taxes in DC. Rather than receiving any benefits of such government action, the local community will suffer massive harm.

I'm asking you to use your role in the city to protect local citizens and the broader community from having huge externalities foisted upon them by outside moneyed interests seeking to use their power and influence solely for their own gain, without regard to existing regulations or the impact on those around them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
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