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Frederick L. Hill, Chairman
DC Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St, NW, Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20001-2714

Re: BZA Case #20643

Dear Mr. Chairman,

My wife and I are longtime residents at the address given above. Our street is two doors from the intersection of Nebraska and Utah Avenues. We have lived here since 1967, when the Episcopal Center for Children was a residential facility.

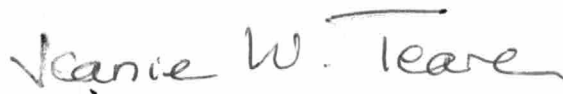
We have serious reservations about the ECC's lease of its playing fields to Maret School. They include the failure of Maret and the ECC to involve the community at the outset of their negotiations; the probable removal of a number of mature trees from the site; the proposed regrading of the site and the provisions for run-off of rainwater, which may or may not be adequate; the covering of the field with artificial turf, which we know from a granddaughter's experience as a soccer player can become extremely hot and cause abrasions to players; and the noise and automobile traffic that will be generated by Maret's own activities and those of the schools and teams to whom it proposes to sublet the field.

We believe that, at a minimum, the BZA should postpone its scheduled March 9 hearing so as to allow further examination of these and other issues.

Yours truly,



Richard W. Teare



Jeanie W. Teare

cc: ANC 3/4G