

March 7, 2022

Chairman Frederick Hill, BZA:

I am a resident of 20015 and I stand in opposition to the plans for Maret to lease the fields at the Episcopal Center for Children. {Regarding: Board of Zoning Adjustment Case #20643: Maret School}

I oppose the plans for a few reasons. Of primary concern is the environmental impact, both from the release of heat from the plastic materials used and the release of toxic fumes, for the sake of the students and the neighborhood. I also oppose the rezoning and plans because of the loss of the contribution from natural vegetation after the removal of tons of topsoil and the of many older, established trees.

The zoning change requests also speak to the violation of the established community. I can cite noise and traffic as two other concerns. Maret's push into other areas of our city has not been welcomed and remains a particularly sore topic among those residents. I urge you to turn down their request as it now stands so that the ECC can find alternative ways to survive and thrive in the adjacent neighborhood as it has done in the past.

Sincerely,

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