Case # 02-25

September 10, 2002

Dear DC Zoning Commission Officer:

We're writing this letter to inform you that we strongly oppose the sale of 1615 New Hampshire Ave, NW to the University of Notre Dame, and the conversion by the University of Notre Dame of the building into dormitories and classrooms.

We have been residents of 1747 Corcoran St, NW since 1997 and plan to continue living in our house for many years. We've just had our first child and hope to have at least one more. Our block and our neighborhood generally is an ideal place for small children, given how quiet and safe the environment is.

We believe that if 1615 New Hampshire becomes a dormitory and classrooms, the environment will become considerably more congested with both foot and car traffic – making the neighborhood considerably less safe for small children. Also, we believe that turning the building into dormitories will make the neighborhood much noisier and less attractive, since dormitory occupants typically care less about preserving the peace, quiet and harmony of a residential neighborhood. Dupont Circle is one of the few truly urban neighborhoods in Washington which is generally free from the noisy, boisterous student atmosphere. That's why we chose to live there.

Please **refuse** the University of Notre Dame's application for zoning change. Please **reject** their request to turn 1615 New Hampshire into a dormitory and classroom.

Sincerely,

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