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Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia
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Dear Zoning Commission members,

As a resident of 1615 New Hampshire, N.W., I wish to oppose the special exception requested by the University of Notre Dame to establish a university at this address.

I believe that such a move would have a number of negative consequences:

- It would increase parking and traffic problems in an already congested neighborhood.
- It would negatively change the character of what is currently a unique neighborhood, one that the city should be looking to preserve not destroy. It is one of the gems of DC and a popular destination for visitors to this city.
- It would also reduce the city's already inadequate tax base since the University is tax exempt and students requiring accommodation in the city are unlikely to be paying taxes in this jurisdiction.
- It would remove viable residential property in a neighborhood where apartments are not readily available.

The current residential tenants are working with developers to find an alternative plan that would allow the property to continue without a zone change. I thus urge you to reject the request for a zoning exception.

Yours truly,

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