DUPONT CIRCLE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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DC Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

RE: **Z.C. Case 02-25, University of Notre Dame Special Exception for 1615 New Hampshire Avenue, NW**

Dear Commission:

The *Dupont Circle Citizens Association (DCCA)* is a civic organization of over 600 members, which has been active for 80 years working to preserve the residential character of the Dupont Circle neighborhood. The property in question is located within DCCA's boundaries and area of interest.

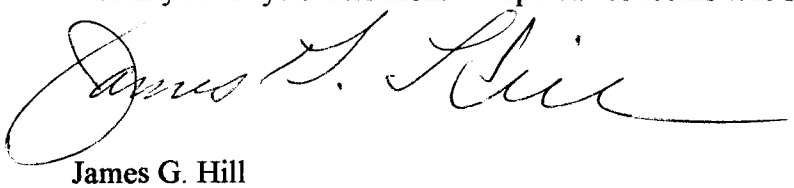
We are writing to oppose the Special Exception that may be granted to the University of Notre Dame to establish a University at 1615 New Hampshire Avenue, NW. Their proposed use of this facility will result in its becoming a dormitory for 40 to 50 undergraduate students.

We believe this proposal is a bad one for a number of reasons. In our view, dormitory use is incompatible with the residential zoning and character of the neighborhood. This proposal will decrease the residential stock of the Dupont Circle neighborhood by displacing residents and replacing them with students. It will increase significantly the density of the population and also increase the need for public services (e.g. public safety, trash removal, parking, etc.). Last, it will decrease the tax revenue from the property by converting it to non-profit status and using it to hose students who are unlikely to pay any District income taxes.

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Thank you for your attention. I hope our concerns will be given serious consideration.



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