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Dear Chairman Hill and Members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment,

I write to ask you to deny the River School request for zoning exceptions, Case #20472, and to oppose the purchase, relocation and significant expansion of the school to 4220 Nebraska Avenue, NW. I have a residence with my family at 4409 46th Street, NW.

The residential property that the River School would like to purchase is too small for their proposed plan and the traffic and safety issues in the surrounding area are too extreme to approve any project with such a large number of people, cars and additional traffic this proposed plan would add to the neighborhood. **On October 14, 2021, ANC 3E voted 4-1 to oppose the River School Plan (TRS) given all of the long term traffic and safety impacts that the River School plan would have on the community.**

It has been mentioned the quality of education the River School provides to its community, and while I do not have any experience with this school, I cannot disagree with the importance of schools and education for our citizens. Having come to this country over 50 years ago and becoming a U.S. Citizen, my family sacrificed much so I could make a future for myself. However, this is not about the quality of education the River School provides its community. This is about the size and scope of the proposed project being too big for the space. This topic is about the hazardous safety conditions being pushed onto a community by a school trying to force its way into a residential area that truly cannot accommodate its needs. This topic is about the safety of all members of the community, young and mature, who play here, who walk and enjoy the streets of their community, and who wish to age in place. I should not have to "just get over" being afraid of getting hit by a speeding car trying to make carpool because I may take a bit longer to get out of my legally parked vehicle due to my age/health and abilities. We have enough cars in the neighborhood and their plan would add hundreds more each day. It's not necessary, and it's extremely dangerous.

There should be opposition to building when it impacts the safety and well-being of the community; building anything without an adequate plan **before** it is built is dangerous and foolish. I oppose the purchase, relocation and significant expansion of the River School to 4220 Nebraska Avenue, NW.

Thank you,  
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Board of Zoning Adjustment  
District of Columbia  
CASE NO.20472  
EXHIBIT NO.96