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Washington DC 20015
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Board of Zoning Adjustment

Dear Members of the Board:

I plan to attend the Jan. 12 hearing about case 20593 and testify that I am pleased with the current manner that Blessed Sacrament School is handling their playing field and relations with the surrounding community.

But I wished to add written notes to you as well. I have a special interest as my small back yard, car port and kitchen and morning room windows look directly on to the entrance to the playing field which faces me across the shared alley. As such, I have a daily view of what goes on in the playing field. There are no trees or bushes blocking my vision.

I should mention that I myself have no personal interest in what hours or days the playground can be used by the school and neighbors because I have no children or grandchildren who would be using it.

I have never seen, either during the week or weekends, any illegal, excessively loud, disruptive, destructive or obnoxious behavior of any kind. Nor is there any trash.

While a couple of times I have seen someone climb over the fence, I have recognized them as neighbors who are allowed access, and I have assumed they simply forgot the gate code or left the slip of paper with the code at home. As this has rarely occurred, I see no point in making an even higher or prison yard type fence as rumor says has been urged by one person. What would be next? Razor wire at the top to be absolutely sure no one could possibly get over the fence? This would be an eyesore and a Draconian response to a non-existent "problem".

Since I live so close to the field, I would certainly notify the school if I should see any undesirable activity in the future. But, for these several years now, I simply enjoy seeing the children playing on the field.

Yours sincerely,
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