

**ATTACHMENT 6**

5300 Locust Avenue  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
September 21, 2009

Francoise M. Carrier, Director  
Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings  
Stella B. Werner County Council Building  
100 Maryland Ave.  
Rockville, MD 20850

Re: Application G882

Dear Mr. Carrier;

I would like to object to the proposed dormitory for NIH students to be placed in the Maplewood neighborhood of Bethesda. I live very close to the proposed site and one block from the NIH campus. This is a neighborhood of single family homes and no commercial enterprises. The population consists of couples with children or older couples who have lived in the neighborhood for decades.

The proposed dormitories would house students in buildings disguised as townhouses. However, they would be rented to individual students who would share common area and each have their own bedroom and bath. Thus, they by design would not be couples or certainly not families. They would not spend their leisure time walking to the park with their children or dogs, working in their yards or doing home maintenance. The students would be living in a socially isolated area for young, single people.

There are no grocery stores, restaurants, bars, drug stores or other commercial enterprises anywhere in the area. Therefore, each of the 155 proposed new residents would have travel to reach all of the amenities sought after by young, single people. They could walk a half mile to the Metro stop, use the bus, or more likely utilize a car. This would bring 155 more cars to our neighborhood. As you may already know, our neighborhood is already heavily impacted by the consolidation of the National Naval Medical Center and Walter Reed. You also already know that this consolidation is expected to increase the traffic in the area of Cedar Lane and Rockville Pike enormously. This intersection is already one of the most congested in all of Montgomery County. Please do not add to this congestion by approving this project.

Many of the fellows at NIH live in Bethesda and Rockville in areas convenient for their lifestyle. Some even rent rooms in houses in the neighborhood. It does not make sense to approve a massive building project for 155 students when there are other options available in the area. It also is not good planning to discount the enormous transportation impact already scheduled to occur in this area by approving another project which would add more vehicles.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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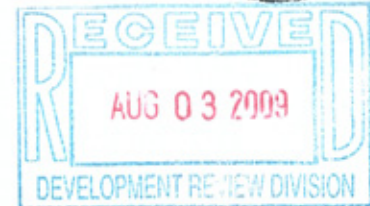
Marie Holbrook

EXHIBIT NO. 71  
REFERRAL NO. G-882

Rosalyn J. Ott  
9211 Cypress Avenue  
Bethesda, Md 20814  
July 29, 2009



Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings  
Stella B. Warner Council Office Building  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Bethesda, MD 20850



To: Francis M. Carrier, Director  
Re: Rezoning Application # G-882

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The very transient nature of these students, some who will attend NIH only to take a short-term class, would be incompatible with our family oriented neighborhood

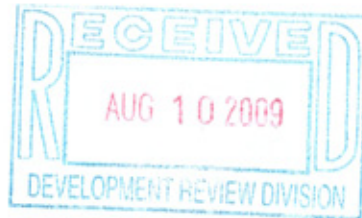
NIH and FAES would be better served by housing these students on the NIH campus where they would be close to their classes and secure within the NIH boundaries.

This proposal will not serve as a buffer between Maplewood and the NIH as claimed by FAES.

This proposal is not in the public interest but in the sole interest of FAES and the NIH.

Sincerely,

EXHIBIT NO. 41  
APPLICATION NO. G-882



Gorski/McDermott  
5202 Chandler Street  
Bethesda MD 20814

4 August 2009

Francoise M. Carrier, Director  
Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings  
S.B. Werner Council Office Building  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville MD 20850



Re: Re-zoning application#G-882

Dear Ms. Carrier

As a concerned resident of the Maplewood neighborhood in Bethesda, I strongly object to the attempt by the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES) to rezone a lot surrounded on three sides by families and homes so that it can hold dormitory-style facilities for graduate students at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). This development concept, which runs completely counter to the Bethesda-Chevy Chase (BCC) Master Plan's goal of creating "a strong sense of community" and reinforcing "community cohesion," will only benefit FAES and NIH to the full detriment of the surrounding neighborhood.

It is hard to understand how dormitory-style housing, rising two stories above the surrounding single-family homes and adding approximately 150 students and potentially as many cars, will do anything but detract from the very nature of our family oriented community.

The school bus stop for my two children and nearly 20 other kids from nearby Maplewood streets is located just feet away from one corner of the lot, and I shudder at the thought of the vast number of FAES/NIH cars and their guests coursing through the neighborhood's narrow and winding streets. It just isn't a good mix.

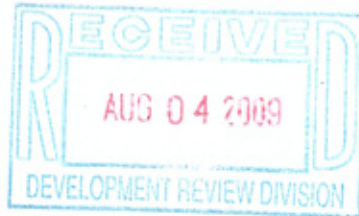
This type of development should be placed either on the NIH campus or within the nearby Bethesda central business district, where it would be compatible with the existing apartment-style housing and large number of transient graduate students.

Please don't force this 800-pound square peg into the wonderful, safe, family oriented circle that is the Maplewood neighborhood.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signatures of Christina A. Gorski McDermott and Matthew T. McDermott.  
Christina A. Gorski McDermott  
Matthew T. McDermott

EXHIBIT NO. 43  
APPLICATION NO. G-882



Emmanuel and Sharon Nwankwo  
9207 Cypress Avenue  
Bethesda, MD 20814

July 31, 2009



Francoise M. Carrier  
Director  
Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings  
Stella B. Werner Council Office building  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, MD 20850

**Re: Rezoning Application No. G 882, Site Bordered by West Cedar Lane, Cypress Avenue, and Acacia in Bethesda**

Dear Ms. Carrier,

We are residents of Maplewood; and writing to request your good office to reject attempt by FAES aided by their lawyers to devastate the community of Maplewood through their intent to rezone the piece of land and exist homes bordered by West Cedar Lane, Cypress Avenue, and Acacia Avenue in Bethesda.

FAES intention to rezone these plots from R-60 to RT-8 to build dormitories to house over 150 unrelated persons directly contradicts the specification of the area master plan. It would impose grave security problems to the community, exacerbate already traffic problems in the area, and establish unprecedented high frequency transitory dormitory, a use that clearly runs counter to the single-family home specification and character of the area. It is simply incompatible with the spirit and intentions of the master plan.

FAES, a non-profit organization whose activities are supported by tax payers through funding by the National Health Institute (NIH), sole motive for this adventure is profit. There is no public good to their request. In fact, when asked by the Maplewood community if either of their directors lived in the neighborhood, would they support the building of large scale dormitory; they had no clear answer, but stated that they are responding to the need of NIH and their students. NIH has not indicated such need and doubtfully would not, giving that they have demonstrated strong concern of their facilities security by fencing their premises and created controlled entry points. A criteria FAES's purported development did not consider for such a large populous accommodation.

To FAES, this attempt to create a high density transitional dormitory in the middle of designated low-density single-family homes is quest for profit. To their lawyers, it is another pay check, and if successful, an impetus to scout and descent on another community to ravage. To us, a community that has delicacies so-much to upholding the character of the area as depicted in the master plan, this is an annihilation of our property

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values as well as quality of life and security of our children. Simply put, FAES is asking your good office, to neglect your master plan, erode the confidence of residents as well as those who would move into our communities believing that their investment and lives would be guided and protected by the provisions of our areas' master plans.

It took strong outcry by the Maplewood community before FAES asked about nine students currently occupying two of the existing homes which FAES intent to demolish, to stop their habitual parking of cars on sidewalks and front lawns. You can then imagine the impact of over 150 adult students, perhaps with their partners and as much cars, would have on parking and traffic along our streets and particularly on Cypress Avenue.

We, Maplewood community, believe if NIH has need for student dormitory, they have the capacity to build such facility inside their guarded compound and would be able to provide necessary security control for such large number of transient dwellers. In fact link at NIH website indicates that ample accommodation remains available in the business district of Bethesda where such commercial investment is suitable.

While we trust that the Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearing would evidently see that the ostensible development plans presented by FEAS and their lawyers threatens the green-reserved policy of Montgomery County as it suggests limited care to save the trees and does not provide sufficient parking within the proposed student dormitory project; it is intended use is incompatible to the character of Maplewood as well as the recommendations of the area master plan. If allowed, this venture will send our children off our peaceful streets because of the population and transient nature of the foreign students who FEAS wants to routine house; our home prices will plunge; and the character of this community will be defaced.

Your master plan is clear and unambiguous with it recommendations. The families that invested in Maplewood reviewed this plan and believe confidently that the R-60 designation of the lands belonging to FAES would always be respected. FAES and their lawyers and paid "consultants" are seeking your approval to perpetuate their will to benefit their pockets at our expense and betrayal of our trust in our public decision makers. The community of Maplewood is asking: let your master plan be the Master Plan.

My family urges you to request FEAS to adhere to and develop their property to the dictates of this plan and zoning. We plead that you uphold your zoning and keep the zoning of the area to R-60; and we implore you to say NO to this self-serving quest for profit that would erode the decades-old neighborhood.

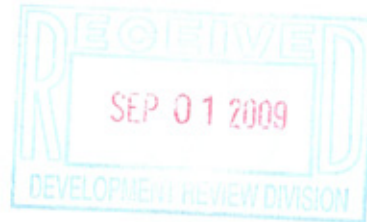
Sincerely,



Emmanuel & Sharon Nwankwo

August 28, 2009

Francoise M. Carrier  
Director  
Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings  
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, MD 20850



Re: Rezoning application no. G-882

Dear Ms. Carrier:

We are residents of Maplewood and our property is in close proximity to the site of this proposed rezoning and development.

The FAES proposes to tear down 4 single-family homes, to combine these 4 lots with two adjacent vacant parcels and to build 31 dormitories with 5 bedrooms and baths on 4 levels. The result would be to locate 155 individual students in the middle of a neighborhood of single-family detached homes. Not only is this most objectionable it is selfish and exploitive of FAES.

We are adamantly opposed to this proposal, because it would be incompatible with our neighborhood and would threaten the long established cohesiveness of our community.

The rezoning of these sites is not consistent with Bethesda Master Plan, which clearly reconfirms the appropriateness of the existing zoning R-60.

This development would threaten the high quality of life we have known in Maplewood/Alta Vista.

This development would not serve as a buffer between Maplewood and NIH, as claimed by FAES. It would impose a development of much higher density that will increase the noise, concrete, traffic and population in an area of traditionally green lawns, lush trees on both the NIH and the Maplewood sides of W. Cedar Lane. It would create crime and deterioration and endanger our children.

This development is not in the public interest, but in the interest of NIH and FAES only. We of this neighborhood are against it.

NIH and FAES would do better by looking for off campus sites to the south of their campus in the Central Business District of Bethesda, where the individual students would have access to shops, entertainment and public transportation, thus diminishing the need for automobiles to get around.

EXHIBIT NO. 54  
APPLICATION NO. G-882

July 29, 2009

Francoise M. Carrier  
Director  
Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings  
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, MD 20850

Re: Rezoning application no. G-882

Dear Ms. Carrier:

We are residents of the Maplewood/Alta Vista subdivision in Montgomery County. The above referenced application refers to 6 parcels which are owned by the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences and are located in our neighborhood. Our property is immediately adjacent to this property on Acacia Avenue, which is an interior street in our community.

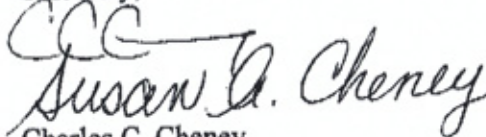
We strongly oppose the proposal that FAES has set forth. Our neighborhood consists of single-family detached homes and is zoned R-60. FAES is proposing to tear down 4 single family dwellings, combine those 4 lots with the two vacant lots it also owns, and construct 31 dormitories to house NIH graduate students. Each dormitory dwelling would consist of 4 levels with 5 bedrooms each with its own bathroom and a communal kitchen, dining room and living room. The result would be to concentrate 155 transient graduate students on this site. This would be totally incompatible with our community of single-family homes, and it would jeopardize the "high quality of life" which now exists in Maplewood. It is therefore not in the public interest.

It is apparent that the FAES proposal is also inconsistent with the Master Plan for Bethesda, which clearly recommends and reconfirms the existing zoning throughout the area—R-60.

The construction of dormitories does not address a community need and would serve only NIH and FAES. Therefore, these dormitories would be better situated on the NIH campus or in the Bethesda CBD. This would afford the students proximity to classrooms, clinics and laboratories, and would not disrupt our family-oriented neighborhood.

We urge you to deny the FAES request to rezone these properties within our community.

Sincerely,



Charles C. Cheney  
Susan A. Cheney  
5208 Chandler St.  
Bethesda, MD 20814



EXHIBIT NO. 40  
APPLICATION NO. G-882

Alan Kinniburgh  
9211 Cypress Avenue  
Bethesda, Md 20814  
July 27, 2009



Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings  
Stella B. Warner Council Office Building  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Bethesda, MD 20850

To: Francis M. Carrier, Director  
Re: Rezoning Application # G-882

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This development would impose a more dense construction that will increase the noise, traffic, concrete and population in the Maplewood / Alta Vista area between our R-60 zoned neighborhood and the green setback space at NIH's edge on West Cedar. Also, it would threaten the character and irrevocably diminish the quality of life in Maplewood.

The very transient nature of these students, some who will attend NIH only to take a short-term class, would be incompatible with our family oriented neighborhood

NIH and FAES would be better served by housing these students on the NIH campus where they would be close to their classes and secure within the NIH boundaries.

This proposal will not serve as a buffer between Maplewood and the NIH as claimed by FAES.

This proposal is not in the public interest but in the sole interest of FAES and the NIH.

Sincerely,

EXHIBIT NO. 39  
APPLICATION NO. G-882

September 10, 2009



Mr. Damon B. Orbona, JD  
Montgomery County Planning Department  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
Reference application G882

Dear Mr. Orbona,

I live in the Maplewood neighborhood of Bethesda just two houses away from the property owned by the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES). My understanding is that they are applying to change the zoning so that they can build 31 townhouses for NIH graduate students. What they call townhouses are more like dormitories because these four story buildings will each have five bedroom/bath units to be rented separately to unrelated persons, quite unlike a townhouse that would be built for a family.

I am opposed to the FAES proposal for the following reasons.

First, the FAES proposal is contrary to the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Master Plan and the County Zoning Ordinance which says the zoning should be R-60.

Second, the proposed townhouses are not compatible with our neighborhood of single family houses occupied by families. I worry about having this high density of students with little incentive to maintain the property and keep the neighborhood nice. I expect that parking would also become a serious problem.

I have nothing against graduate students per se having been one myself. In fact, there are students living in rented rooms or houses throughout our neighborhood. However, to allow a cluster of 31 dormitory-like townhouses to be built for some 155 grad students would greatly change the character of our neighborhood in a negative way. I urge you to recommend keeping the R-60 zoning of the Master Plan.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel T. Pierce  
5218 Danbury Rd.  
Bethesda, MD 20814

September 9, 2009

Damon B. Orbona, JD  
Montgomery County Planning Dept.  
8787 Georgia Ave.  
Silver Spring, MD 20910



Re: Rezoning application no. G-882

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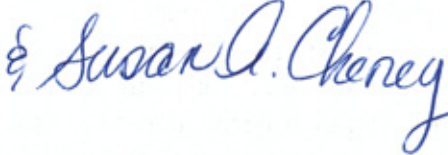
We strongly oppose the FAES proposal to change the zoning on these 6 parcels to RT-8. We urge you to recommend the denial of this application. Our neighborhood consists of single-family detached homes and is zoned R-60. FAES is proposing to tear down 4 single family dwellings, combine those 4 lots with the two vacant lots it also owns, and construct 31 dormitories to house NIH graduate students. Each dormitory dwelling would consist of 4 levels with 5 bedrooms each with its own bathroom and a communal kitchen, dining room and living room. The result would be to concentrate 155 transient graduate students on this site. This would be totally incompatible with our community of single-family homes, and it would jeopardize the "high quality of life" which now exists in Maplewood. It is therefore not in the public interest.

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Master Plan clearly recommends the adherence to R-60 zoning. It is apparent that the FAES proposal is inconsistent with the Master Plan.

The construction of dormitories does not address a community need and would serve only NIH and FAES. Therefore, these dormitories would be better situated on the NIH campus or in the Bethesda CBD. This would afford the students proximity to classrooms, clinics and laboratories, and would not disrupt our family-oriented neighborhood.

We also note that this proposal would place a much high<sup>er</sup> density development between the green and forested perimeter of the NIH campus and our suburban neighborhood with mature trees and grassy lawns.

Sincerely,

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Charles C. Cheney  
Susan A. Cheney  
5208 Chandler St.  
Bethesda, MD 20814

JPP

JAMES WINKLER  
5103 ACACIA AVE  
BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20814  
301 530 1294



September 4, 2009



Ms. S. Carrier, Director  
Planning Department  
100 Maryland Ave Room 200  
Rockville, MD 20874

RE: G-882

Dear Ms Carrier:

I am writing to oppose the application cited above. Our residential neighborhood would be adversely effected by the plans submitted by the landowner of this property.

The landowners say they are building housing for NIH students but they admit they have no firm commitment from NIH to occupy these buildings. What they mean, I think, is that they are requesting a variance or zoning change to build a series of buildings that they would hope NIH students would rent.

These building will be constructed to accommodate a dorm like design allowing for multiple unrelated individuals to occupy bedrooms within a common apartment. The inherent transit nature of this proposed living arrangement is 180 degrees from the existing residential family milieu within our current community.

Please do not allow this zoning change.

Thank you,

James B. Winkler

EXHIBIT NO. 57  
APPLICATION NO. G-882

JPP

September 4, 2009

Ms. S. Carrier, Director  
Montgomery County  
Planning Development  
100 Maryland Avenue, Room 200  
Rockville, MD 20874



RE: G-882

Dear Ms. Carrier,

As concerned residents of Maplewood, we are writing to oppose the application cited above. We feel very strongly that our residential neighborhood would be adversely affected by the proposed plans submitted by the landowner of the property located at the intersection of Acacia Avenue and Cypress Avenue.

Our residential neighborhood is composed of single family homes and it is our belief that the proposed use of the property for multiple units will be profoundly incompatible with the character of the existing neighborhood. This incompatibility is due to the resulting density of population on the property. We understand the plans call for the creation of single room occupancies that will be in violation of the county master plan. Further, there are no guarantees regarding exactly how the proposed dwellings, planned for numerous unrelated individuals, ultimately will be occupied. Therefore we share the concern of our neighbors that the proposed plan will introduce a largely transient population into our stable residential neighborhood.

We strongly urge you to reject the proposed application cited above.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

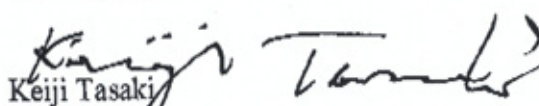
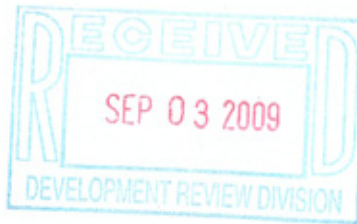
  
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EXHIBIT NO. 61  
APPLICATION NO. G-882

August 28, 2009

Francoise M. Carrier  
Director  
Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings  
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, MD 20850



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Please stop the FAES initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Pierce", with a large, stylized initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jack Pierce  
5213 Chandler St  
Bethesda, MD 20814

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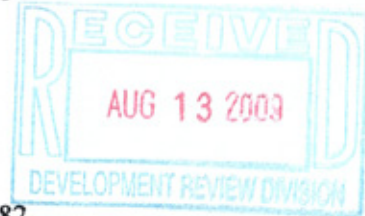
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June 10, 2009

Francoise M. Carrier  
Director  
Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings  
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

RE: G-882  
application for change in zoning

Francoise M. Carter,

This is in regard to the above referenced application, for a zoning change. The Foundation for Advanced Education of Sciences and in conjunction with the National Institutes of Health want to develop this property, as group housing for students working at the National Institutes of Health. You may know, that there have been two previous attempts to develop this land, by this same joint venture. One attempt was in 1987 for the "Children's Inn," which now resides across the street on the main campus.

Maplewood was originally developed in the 1930's and was promoted as a quiet little residential neighborhood, perfect for raising families with young children. Over time and for the last 70 years, the Maplewood Citizens association, has fought many battles, ensuring the continued quality of life, our families (many of whom have lived here for 40 years or more), have come to enjoy and expect. Today, 950 families call Maplewood their home, our Maplewood streets are teeming with young children and a new generation of adults, having bought into the promise of a lifestyle, we as children experienced ourselves.

The streets of Maplewood, already endure a considerably higher traffic volume, then County planners had ever envisioned. Traffic congestion continues to increase on Wisconsin Avenue, Cedar Lane and Old Georgetown Road. Once construction is completed and the Bethesda Naval Hospital, absorbs the thousands of additional workers from the closure of Walter Reed Hospital, traffic woes will reach epic proportion.

Maplewood is already surrounded by increased density development, on all four sides, bordering the neighborhood. Many daily commuters, already use the streets of Maplewood, so as to avoid long delays, on these aforementioned streets. The streets in Maplewood, were never designed or built to adequately handle the existing traffic flow. If this multi-family, rental group housing, high density development, is permitted to proceed, this will mean heavier traffic congestion, in and around Maplewood, a reduction in home values, and an adverse change in our community.

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The subject property is zoned R-60, which by original design from the Montgomery County planners, indicate housing development, shall be detached housing, with a minimum lot size of 6,000 square feet. The subject property, as it is currently zoned, can accommodate 16 single family detached homes, which typically have a (2) car garage, which means 32 cars total. The proposed 30-32 unit, hybrid townhouse design, with (5) bedrooms and (5) car parking, would mean an additional traffic volume of at least 150 cars, not including friends and visitors.

As it is now, SUV' and mini-vans illegally double park at the Cypress Place and Cedar Lane Intersection, in the afternoons, picking up students and workers alike, already adding to the existing street congestion. The F.E.A.S. currently owns (4) detached homes on Cypress Place, which house N.I.H. students now. At least two of these four homes, having peeling paint, to the exterior wood frame. If these homes are not being well maintained now, who is to say or police the F.E.A.S., into making sure, they adequately maintain this new dorm style, group rental project any better? This theoretical ongoing maintenance is a critical step, to maintaining the values of our surrounding detached homes.

The design of these "dorm" houses, are "one-of-a-kind" and have never been done before. The first floor, has a floor plan with a kitchen, living room, dining room and a bedroom? I was born in Washington, DC. and having been appraising residential property in this area, for 23 years, I have never appraised, nor am I aware of a townhouse being constructed this way. If the developer lost his financing or went bankrupt in this volatile marketplace and these hybrid townhouses had to be sold, sales would prove most difficult, there is no market or proven historical acceptance for such, uniquely different designs, it is most speculative.

These new hybrid, dormitory designed, rental style townhouses, can not be compared to normal townhouses. Both the proposed zoning and the design, simply do not exist. As an appraiser, if I were to appraise one of these units, I would adjust downward for an inferior market appeal and also, for **functional deficiency**, as the floor plan is most irregular and unknown. Consequently, the diminished valuations, if these were sold one day, would naturally bring down the value of the surrounding detached homes

Since these students do not own this property, there is no incentive for these students to make ongoing improvements to the property(as most homeowners in Maplewood do continually). As a multiple investor and appraiser, tenants simply do not maintain property well or respect the "quiet enjoyment" rights, fee simple ownership provides to homeowners. The current occupants of the (4) houses owned by F.A.E.S. on Cypress Avenue, have already displayed there lack of care and consideration, as can be attested to, by the homeowners who reside directly across the street. From a residential appraisal standpoint, when appraising a residential property, with multi-family rental group housing of "any kind," located directly across the street, this is a form of **external obsolescence**. External obsolescence is an adverse condition, beyond control of the homeowner, which negatively affects property value.

The proposed subject zoning, is an illegal nonconforming use. A legally nonconforming use is a use that was lawfully established and maintained, but no longer conforms to the regulations of the zone in which it is located. Maplewood is not a neighborhood in transition. A change in zoning, would make an improvement, inadequate for the "highest and best use" of the site. There is no support in this marketplace, to indicate or even suggest, student rental housing is the highest and best use. The highest and best use, would be to build single family detached homes on this site, as it was originally zoned and intended, in conformity to the surrounding homes in Maplewood, as proven by historical marketplace acceptance.

This land is very valuable, as land is finite and does not depreciate in the traditional sense, the way houses do. Since they are not making any more land in sought after Bethesda, individual lot re-development of "in-fill" lots, is an ongoing trend, for older detached single family homes. Developing this land with similar single family detached homes, is the only proven, historical evidence to indicate, housing values will be sustained.

There are of course, environmental concerns to be addressed. In this "green conscious" day and age, preserving the landscape, mature trees, preserving an existing natural stream valley park on the other side of Cedar Lane, preserving the natural topographical grade to prevent erosion or flooding, is essential as well. In order to prevent erosion, preserve natural drainage, topography, protect and maintain the existing woodlands, the fewer units built on this tract of land, the better it is for our environment, WSSC, PEPCO, Washington Gas, the surrounding communities and our tributaries, including the Chesapeake Bay.

With this new budget in place, N.I.H. is flush with additional millions and millions of dollars, they are naturally looking to expand, with little regard to the surrounding communities. This proposed change in zoning for the use of N.I.H., is simply a, **non-conforming use.**

In conclusion, developing this land as it was originally zoned and platted, is in the best interest of the homeowners in the Maplewood neighborhood and Montgomery County, both of whom would be most adversely affected, by this potential development travesty.

Respectfully,



Christopher B. Connors SRA, CRA

## REZONING APPLICATION, # G-882

- 1) AS CURRENTLY ZONED AND IF DEVELOPED WITH 16 NEW DETACHED HOMES, THIS WOULD PRODUCE AN ANNUAL COUNTY TAX REVENUE OF \$240,000 TO \$320,000, FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY (AS OPPOSED TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AS A "NON-PROFIT ENTITY" PAYING CONSIDERABLY LESS ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUE). BETTER FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TO DEVELOP AS CURRENT ZONING PERMITS.
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- 3) 950 MAPLEWOOD RESIDENTS ( NOT A TRANSITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD)
- 4) NO SUCH ZONING OR HOUSING EXIST, ACCORDING TO EXISTING CODE?
- 5) CURRENT "LAND USE AND ZONING REPORT," BY A CIVIL ENGINEER IN BURTONSVILLE, IS INACCURATE AND MISLEADING.
  - Proposed land use, IS NOT compatible with current land use.
  - Proposed development WILL NOT "act a buffer," will decrease property values.
  - Proposal IS NOT in the public interest, can not be justified
  - Zoning is quite clear, the idea of a "floating zone," IS NOT relevant or permitted.
  - Maplewood homes are traditional (not eclectic) charming homes, all built to code.
  - Montgomery County would receive considerably less revenue, with this proposal.
  - This "greater mix of housing" would jeopardize surrounding single family homes.
  - Nothing, about this unit design, is compatible to the existing Maplewood homes.
  - These proposed 3-4 level homes, may exceed existing building height restrictions.
  - How does this proposal, possibly "enhance the Bethesda high quality of life?"
  - No one could monitor who lives in these group homes, children, relatives, friends.
  - There is nothing "compatible" about this, what do MPDU regulations, have to do with justification for increased density development?
  - Detached homes will "protect the high quality of life for our residential neighborhood," student dormitory housing will take away the high quality of life.
  - Group housing dormitories, will detract from the appeal of Maplewood homes.
  - 150 students and visitors, will still have cars they use on weekends and evenings.
  - Engineer assumptions and interpretations of the Master Plan, are most distorted.
  - This company has no experience of how this development, will negatively affect property values, which is not in the best Maplewood community or the public interest. A reduction in property value, means a reduction in county tax revenue. As a local residential real estate appraiser for the last 23 years, I have vast experience, appraising residential homes. Properties across the street from the subject, will sustain a **significant loss in market value**, as a result of this detrimental impact. Any residential home, adjacent to a mult-family rental project, incurs "external obsolescence, which is an adverse condition, as it is beyond control of the homeowner."

September 16, 2009



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Re: Local Map Amendment Application No. G-822 – Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences

Dear Ms. Carrier:

My name is Tom Johnson and I am a fourth year graduate student enrolled at the University of Cambridge (UK) and working at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). I feel compelled to write this letter in strong support for Local Map Amendment Application No. G-822 filed by the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences ("FAES"). This rezoning application requests a rezoning of the FAES property located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Cypress Avenue and Cedar Lane in Bethesda, Maryland from the R-60 Zone to the R-T 8.0 Zone in order to provide scholar housing for graduate and postdoctoral students completing their studies on the campus of the National Institutes of Health.

I have been a resident at 9204 Cypress Avenue (a property owned by FAES) since September of 2008. I cannot begin to explain how tremendously beneficial it has been for me to have the opportunity to reside in that house. As a graduate student, I receive only a modest stipend to cover living expenses and, as such, finding comfortable accommodation within a reasonable distance from the NIH within my price range would have been extremely difficult, had it not been for the generosity of the FAES, which subsidizes the rent for students living within its houses. It has been extremely important for me to have accommodation available near my lab, as I often conduct experiments that require me to be working late into the night. While I feel lucky to be a resident at 9204 Cypress Ave, space is limited and there are a number of other graduate students who would benefit greatly from comparable accommodations being created, something that could be accomplished by the rezoning.

As someone who has been living with or next door to 8 other students in the area for almost a year, I can attest to the respect that we, as graduate students, have and demonstrate for the community in which we live. I can understand concern that some might have towards a high density of "students" living in any one area, but as scholars engaged in full-time doctoral-level biomedical research, it has been my experience that we do not behave as undergraduates but rather as young professionals. In the time that I have been a resident of Bethesda, we have developed cordial relationships with our neighbors. I would fully expect that any other students who would come to reside in Bethesda would behave in a similar manner should the proposed rezoning take place.

In conclusion, I would like to again express my strong support for this rezoning application and I urge its approval. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Best Wishes,

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In conclusion, I would like to again express my strong support for this rezoning application and I urge its approval. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Lindsay Case

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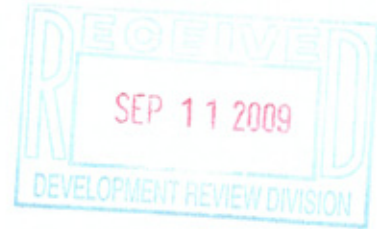
I am a PhD student at the NIH, working under the supervision of Dr. Nico Tjandra. I am enrolled in a joint NIH – Wellcome Trust program, and therefore I need to travel between USA and the UK quite often, so housing is an important concern and difficulty in my case. The proposed scholar housing project will provide an important source of affordable housing adjacent to the National Institutes of Health, within walking distance of the Medical Center Metro Station, and near the Bethesda Central Business District and the amenities and vibrancy it provides. The scholar housing that is proposed is attractive, high-quality, and a place that NIH scholars will be proud to call home during their time in Bethesda. For PhD students who are in a similar situation as myself (and those are increasing in number at the NIH due to increasing number of NIH-UK programs) such initiative would be very helpful. Also, I have heard that concerns had been raised by local residents that there would be disruption from constant partying. Since we are all very hardworking people I think they can rest assured – partying late becomes a bit tricky for those for whom working late is a norm.

In conclusion, I would like to again express my strong support for this rezoning application and I urge its approval. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Mateusz Maciejewski

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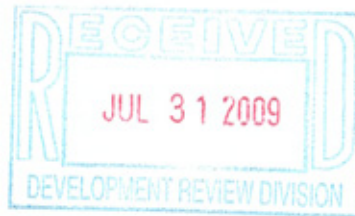
I am a current student NIH graduate student earning my degree from Georgetown University. The proposed scholar housing project will provide an important source of affordable housing adjacent to the National Institutes of Health, within walking distance of the Medical Center Metro Station, and near the Bethesda Central Business District and the amenities and vibrancy it provides. The scholar housing that is proposed is attractive, high-quality, and a place that NIH scholars will be proud to call home during their time in Bethesda. I am very excited about the proposed Scholar Housing Project because it will truly enhance our graduate student community by providing an environment where students can discuss their science, share their experiences, and build camaraderie.

In conclusion, I would like to again express my strong support for this rezoning application and I urge its approval. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Kathryn Callahan

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I am the Director of the HHMI-NIH Research Scholars Program that supports the research training of young medical students destined to become tomorrow's medical researchers. As a private philanthropy Howard Hughes Medical Institute provides a year-long residential research training program for 42 medical students on the NIH campus. Additionally we manage about 7 students who continue to work for additional year(s) to enhance their training. The proposed scholar housing project will provide an important source of affordable housing for our second year Scholars adjacent to the National Institutes of Health. Such housing is very important because we have no way to house them on or near the NIH campus. Since these individuals spend long hours doing research, it is important that they have housing near the NIH campus. Further, since many have limited transportation it is very important for them to be near the Bethesda Central Business District, within walking distance of the Medical Center Metro Station, and the amenities. Since I also serve as an *ex officio* member of the FAES board, I know that the proposed scholar housing is attractive, high-quality, and a place that NIH scholars will be proud to call home during their time in Bethesda.

As a resident of Bethesda, I believe that this is an appropriate and fitting use of our community's space.

In conclusion, I would like to again express my strong support for this rezoning application and I urge its approval. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

  
William R. Galey, Ph.D.

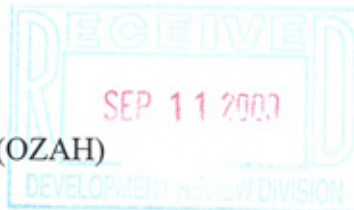
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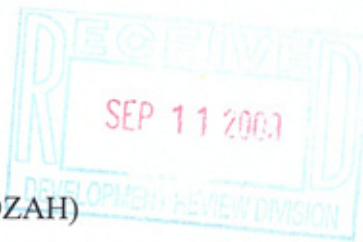
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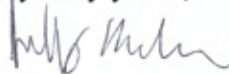
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My wife is a graduate student at the NIH Vaccine Research Center. She is part of the Oxford-NIH partnership program, and as a result we have had to move back and forth between Oxford and Bethesda a few times in the last 4 years. We have lived in Bethesda since January 2008, but have had to move during that time because of the high housing prices. I am very in favor of the proposed housing because when we were in Oxford we lived in a town house with several other students as a way to make the housing affordable. If there had been a similar reasonably-priced housing community when we moved here, I would have jumped at the chance. The proposed scholar housing project will provide an important source of affordable housing adjacent to the National Institutes of Health, within walking distance of the Medical Center Metro Station, and near the Bethesda Central Business District and the amenities and vibrancy it provides. The scholar housing that is proposed is attractive, high-quality, and a place that NIH scholars and spouses will be proud to call home during their time in Bethesda. The downtown area of Bethesda is too expensive, too urban, and too far from NIH labs to make it an alternative for us. We love the quiet neighborhood north of NIH, and would love to become part of that community.

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Very truly yours,

Maire Quigley

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I myself am a second year PhD student enrolled at Boston University in the Bioinformatics program via the Graduate Partnerships Program (GPP) at NIH. This program affords me the opportunity to complete my thesis research at NIH after completing course work at BU. While the GPP has been a wonderful opportunity, moving from Boston to the DC Metro area was a challenge. Housing costs are steep for those of us living on a student stipend, and even greater for those living a reasonable distance from the NIH campus. As a result, my apartment's distance from NIH is not ideal. Often times, my research requires frequent visits to the NIH campus in addition to a normal workday schedule—a residence closer to campus would ease transportation issues and, by proxy, my research.

The graduate student community is a collectively respectful, conscientious, and dutiful group. As neighbors, NIH students have proven themselves as such via the volunteer programs arranged by the GPP. In order to be given the opportunity to participate in research at NIH, students must show themselves to be mature, rational thinkers who are aware of others and the consequences of their own actions—these are not your typical college students, nor would the stereotypical undergraduate behaviours be accepted by our peers.

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July 31, 2009



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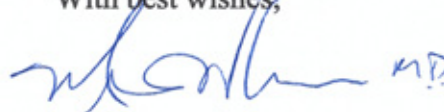
I am writing to express my strong and enthusiastic support for Local Map Amendment Application No. G-822 filed by the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences ("FAES"). Please note that this is my personal opinion and not an official opinion of the United States government, of which I am an employee. This rezoning application requests a rezoning of the FAES property located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Cypress Avenue and Cedar Lane in Bethesda, Maryland from the R-60 Zone to the R-T 8.0 Zone in order to provide scholar housing for graduate and postdoctoral students completing their studies on the campus of the National Institutes of Health. I have led a research team for the past 20 years at NIH and have been a Montgomery County resident throughout this period. I have also been extensively involved at NIH in both training the advanced doctoral students and in the management of several joint doctoral programs including those with the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge in Great Britain as well as one with the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. The scholars in these programs are a highly selected group of extraordinarily talented young people and bringing them to NIH to carry out research is beneficial to Montgomery County, the State of Maryland and to the United States. These students have made important discoveries that have greatly advanced the health mission of the NIH. Since the Scholars participating in these programs are affiliated with distant Universities, they have an acute need for housing near the NIH. This is both for their personal and scientific needs. It is often the case in biomedical research that a particular experiment or a patient at the NIH clinical center will require attention after hours or on weekends. The close proximity of the proposed housing will be of enormous benefit to facilitate life-saving medical research by enabling the important work of these biomedical research Scholars.

As you know, there have been substantial demographic changes in the Bethesda area surrounding the NIH, which has decreased the availability of appropriate and affordable housing for graduate and postgraduate scholars. This project will have benefits for many years into the future by allowing medical research to be carried out by the Scholars to

progress without the hindrance of long commutes. The proposed scholar housing project will provide an important source of affordable residences immediately adjacent to the National Institutes of Health campus, within walking distance of the Medical Center Metro Station, and near the Bethesda Central Business District and the amenities and vibrancy it provides. The scholar housing that is proposed is attractive, high-quality, and a place that NIH scholars will desire to call home during their time in Bethesda. I believe that this will provide benefits to the county by permitting the residence and fostering a program that brings the most talented young biomedical researchers from England and other parts of Europe as well as the United States.

In conclusion, I would like to again express my strong support for this rezoning application and I urge its approval. Thank you kindly for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions.

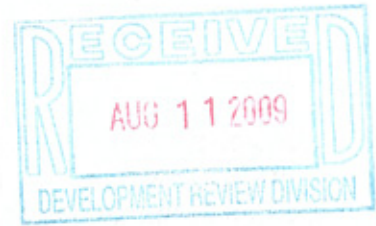
With best wishes,

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Michael J. Lenardo M.D.

cc: Mr. Damon Orobona  
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission  
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Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dr. Krishnan Balakrishnan  
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August 7, 2009

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Re: Local Map Amendment Application No. G-822 – Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences

Dear Ms. Carrier:

I am writing to express my strong support for Local Map Amendment Application No. G-822 filed by the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences ("FAES").

I am a graduate student at the National Institutes of Health, living in one of the few instances of current affordable student housing in close proximity to the NIH campus. Living near the NIH has already provided an invaluable resource to advancing my scientific education, improving my inclusion at the Institute as well as the surrounding community. My fellow housemates are all extremely respectful of our neighborhood and appreciate the opportunity to live so close to our place of work. We would hope that this living situation can be extended to future students to encourage scientific education and foster continued bonds with the greater Bethesda community. The proposed scholar housing project will provide an important source of affordable housing adjacent to the NIH, within walking distance of the Medical Center Metro Station, and near the Bethesda Central Business District and the amenities and vibrancy it provides. The scholar housing that is proposed is attractive, high-quality, and a place that NIH scholars will be proud to call home during their time in Bethesda.

Most universities have on-campus housing for graduate students, but the unique nature of NIH as a Federal Agency precludes the possibility of the NIH graduate students being accommodated on the Bethesda campus. It is extremely fortuitous that FAES is offering to provide housing so that graduate students with a variety of backgrounds, specializations, and expertise can live and learn together. Biomedical research in the coming decades will be extremely dependant on close cooperation among teams of scientists, and I believe that the FAES Scholar Housing would engender the development of these future collaborations.

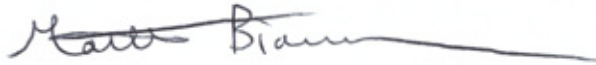
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Ms. Françoise M. Carrier

June 2, 2009

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Matt Bian", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matthew Biancalana

Contact information:

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September 14, 2009

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Re: Local Map Amendment Application No. G-882 – Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences

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I am currently a graduate student at the National Institutes of Health in collaboration with New York University. During laboratory rotations at NIH, I lived in apartments on Battery Lane and while I enjoyed the ability to walk to work, it was necessary to move to Rockville to find more affordable housing. Current stipends for graduate student at NIH are at the most \$34,000, making it extremely difficult to live in Bethesda. The proposed scholar housing project will provide an important source of affordable housing adjacent to the National Institutes of Health, within walking distance of the Medical Center Metro Station, and near the Bethesda Central Business District and the amenities and vibrancy it provides. The scholar housing that is proposed is attractive, high-quality, and a place that NIH scholars will be proud to call home during their time in Bethesda. Graduate students and post-docs are mature and conscientious individuals who make positive contributions to the community, with some in the process of starting families.

In conclusion, I would like to again express my strong support for this rezoning application and I urge its approval. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Matthew J. Berberich

September 14, 2009

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I am one of over three hundred graduate students currently pursuing a doctoral degree in the NIH Graduate Partnership Program. We are a diverse group of students with a common trait: a desire to complete our doctoral research at one of the most prestigious research institutions in the country. To that end, we work long hours in our laboratories and the NIH Library, and tend to lead simple, quiet lives when we're not at work.

I am also the chair of the Graduate Student Community Service Committee, and I can attest that we are respectful people who make good citizens and neighbors. We donate our time and energy to pack food for needy Montgomery County families through the Manna Food organization in Rockville, we tutor children that are moving from homelessness to stable housing through Transitional Housing Corporation of Washington, DC, and we organize bimonthly Blood Drives through the NIH Blood Bank – just to mention a few of our outreach activities.

We receive a stipend of roughly \$30,000 per year; we take home much less after paying federal, state, and local taxes. There is a shortage of affordable housing close to our place of work. We would benefit greatly from the proposed scholar housing project proposed by FAES.

We are a highly educated and wonderfully diverse group of young people that are being trained to be tomorrow's leaders in science. We can live in harmony with, and even contribute to, the thriving community of Maplewood. I ask you to take these considerations into account when reviewing the rezoning application.

Sincerely,

*Kimberly Baxter Decker*  
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NIH-Johns Hopkins University Graduate Partnership Program  
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Date:

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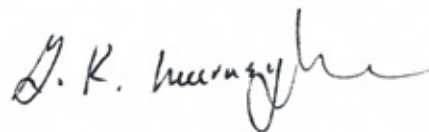
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In conclusion, I would like to again express my strong support for this rezoning application and I urge its approval. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Date: SEPT 14 2009

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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*This housing is essential for students who are new to Bethesda (many who don't have vehicles) and are looking for safe close housing to the NIH. Please keep us in mind as you deliberate on this issue*

Sincerely,

*Candace M. Pfefferkorn*

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Date: September 14, 2009

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Sincerely,

*Jill S. Harunaga*

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Sincerely,

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08/17/2009



Mr. Damon Orobona

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*Re: Local Map Amendment Application No. G-882 – Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences*

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I am Saurav Shrestha, a graduate student at NIH collaborating with the Karolinska Institute. I believe the proposed scholar housing project will provide an important source of affordable housing adjacent to the National Institutes of Health, within walking distance of the Medical Center Metro Station, and near the Bethesda Central Business District and the amenities and vibrancy it provides. The scholar housing that is proposed is attractive, high-quality, and a place that NIH scholars will be proud to call home during their time in Bethesda.

My experience with finding housing around Bethesda was not an easy task. It took me several months to find a place. I was fortunate to have NIH assist me with housing on Battery Lane because there was a vacancy for only one-bedroom that NIH sponsored to medical students. As a graduate student, I feel that the scholar housing project would be of tremendous assistance and also be vital in building student community within different programs.

In conclusion, I would like to again express my strong support for this rezoning application and I urge its approval. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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