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Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings

100 Maryland Avenue, Room 200

Rockville, MD. 20850

To: OZAH Committee Members:

Please do not approve Holton-Arms' request to change the character of Almarah neighborhood. It will mean dangerous, unwanted traffic in an otherwise tranquil, well-defined neighborhood.

There is already an excessive amount of traffic each morning and late afternoon on Burdette and Royal Dominion Roads – often speeding, to make it on time to start of classes at Primary Day and Holton-Arms – caused by outsiders driving through the neighborhood.

If this unwelcome proposal is approved then please put up a sign not allowing a right turn from River Road onto Burdette Rd. from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. You already have such a sign on River Road at Westbard Avenue, not allowing any traffic onto Westbard from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Since Holton-Arms and Primary Day School off River Road are commercial businesses, then their request should not have access through a non-commercial area. This clearly intrudes on the value of the neighborhood forever! You know that such a change can never be reversed!

Please vote to preserve and honor the safety of the residents of our neighborhood against such a damaging proposal.

Sincerely,

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