

Attn: Frederick Hill, Chairman  
Board of Zoning Adjustment  
441 4th St NW, Suite 210S  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 19452

Dear Chairperson Hill,

I am a Ward 5 resident and I live at 2911 12th St. NE. I purchased my home in 2005 from my grandparents and I have lived in the community for nearly 40 years. I also own several child care centers in Ward 5 that are steps away from my home. I have leased the original location on 12th St NE since June 2011. I am writing this letter to offer my support for the proposed family homeless shelter at 1700 Rhode Island Avenue, N.E. My business, Petit Scholars, currently has two locations in Brookland. They are both less than a mile from the proposed site. We are opening our third location this year at 2066 Rhode Island Ave, NE, which is a few blocks away. We look forward to becoming neighbors with the new development. The goal of my business is to support the families in my community and I can't think of a better way than to provide shelter when they have nowhere else to live. Taking care of the less fortunate should be a priority for my community and my city.

I have reviewed the concept plans for the shelter and I understand that the District seeks to construct a six-story shelter as an addition to the existing building that was previously a police substation and that as a result the District will have to obtain relief from the BZA for building height, FAR, lot occupancy, rear yard, court width, loading, and parking. The shelter is a

positive development for the community and is in harmony with zoning, and I do not believe the shelter will tend to affect adversely the neighboring properties or my business. I also understand that the District seeks parking relief as part of its BZA case. Based on the project's plans, the shelter will not have an impact on the current parking situation in the neighborhood. As such, I support the short-term family emergency shelter and I hope that ANC 5B and the Board of Zoning Adjustment can support this project as well.

Sincerely,

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