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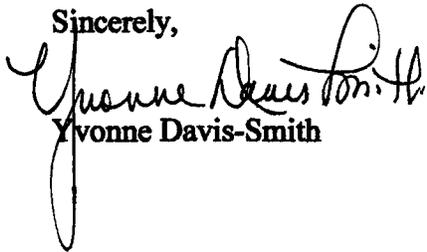
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Dear Commissioners:

My name is Yvonne Davis-Smith and I am an attorney for the District of Columbia Superior Court, Office of Child Abuse and Neglect. As part of my duties I work as a Guardian Ad Litem for children who come through the Juvenile and Neglect System. I have worked with children who attend the City Lights School Public Charter School at 62 T Street NE, Washington D.C. 20002. As an officer of the court I have had to make visits to children at the school during school hours in order to conduct official business. Many of the children I have worked with have also required the services psychologist, social workers and other professionals due to their special needs. Because many children in the D.C. Neglect and Foster care system live in Prince Georges and surrounding counties, often the only way for these children to receive the services they need are through visits or appointments during the school day. Whether on site, or at another location, any of these services requires someone to come to the school to meet the child or to pick him or her up. The elimination of parking at the school or a drastic reduction in the number of parking spaces that the school currently has, will have an impact on the ability of persons to provide these children with the services that they require. Due to the unique needs of each child it is difficult to say how many different service providers each child needs or has. It would be reasonable however, to think that there would need to be a larger number of visitor parking spaces than one would normally have at a comparable school that did not provide the same services as City Lights. Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with this information.

Sincerely,


Yvonne Davis-Smith

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