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OFFICE OF ZONING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Ms. Sheila Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth St. N.W., Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I am an owner of Banner & Witcoff, a District of Columbia law firm, where I have worked for over 15 years. My children have attended school in the District of Columbia for the past seven years. I believe that good schools, whether public or private, enhance the livability and viability of Washington.

I support and urge you to support and approve the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW. The temporary occupancy is necessary for the survival of the school as it prepares for occupancy of its planned permanent site in the District of Columbia.

The Jewish Primary Day School is committed to staying in the District of Columbia. I hope that the Board of Zoning Adjustment will recognize that it is in the interest of the city as a whole to support the survival of the school by granting the zoning adjustment requested. Inhospitableness of residential neighborhoods to schools is short sighted. Schools are magnets which draw people to buy homes in a community. The community would do well to utilize any magnets it has at its disposal.

Please approve the application of The Jewish Primary Day School for a zoning adjustment.

Yours truly,

Sarah A. Kagan

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cc: Council Member Charlene Drew Jarvis
Council Members at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

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