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Sheila Reid, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW Suite 210S
Washington, DC

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms Reid:

As a participant in the Real Estate business in the District of Columbia and for many years a landlord, I would like to express to the Board of Zoning Adjustment my support regarding the application of the Jewish Primary Day school of the National Capital (JPDS-NC) to locate on 16th Street, NW. I am also writing as a grandparent of two children in this school.

Let me point out that an incorrect perception was formed by the neighborhood regarding the school: It is a small school with total of 60 families whose children attend the school. The majority is District of Columbia residents and a handful from the suburbs. This is a very serious academic school, and the students are very focused on the studies and will only be an asset to any neighborhood.

While we appreciate the neighborhood's concern, we want to assure them that the overall impact of this school on the neighborhood will be a positive addition to the neighborhood for the following reasons: Outstanding schools contribute to making a neighborhood and a city thrive. They attract young families with children who want to live in the city and to provide their children with Jewish and secular education. JPDS-NC is an essential part of the alternative to the flight to the suburbs, and should be part of an effective urban plan for a livable city.

It is an advantage for a neighborhood as well as the city as a whole, to have a school that contributes in a most constructive way to the quality of life and diversity in the city.

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I hope the board of Zoning Adjustment will consider and approve this application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Council Chair Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers At Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning