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Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 Fourth Street, NW
Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Reid:

I write to you regarding Application #16556. This application concerns the Jewish Primary Day Schools (JPDS) proposal for a temporary occupancy at7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street., N.W.

The JPDS is a quality educational institution. It is just the type of institution that citizens of the District can be proud of. This independent co-educational Jewish day school has been noted for its educational excellence. Moreover, its primary constituency is the Jewish residents of the District of Columbia. In the years ahead this school will attract many hard-working, tax-paying families to the District.

I am a long-time resident of the Crestwood neighborhood to the south of Shepherd Park. I would not ask you to favorably consider this proposal if I did not believe it would benefit the city and if I did not know that it has strong local support. I know for example that besides the members of the two synagogues in which the school would be housed, there are a number of Shepherd Park neighbors who support the plan, as well as the Reverend Aldridge.

Part of the reason for this support is the work the school has done to ask for feedback from the neighbors and its willingness to adjust its plans to reflect their concerns. In addition, the school is dedicated to being the type of neighbor that will offer programs and services that give something back to the Shepherd Park neighborhood.

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The three-year occupancy will mean so much to the children of this school. But it also means a great deal to the District of Columbia. I urge you to give favorable consideration to this application.

Very truly yours,

Caryn G. Pass