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Washington, DC 20017
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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 Fourth St., NW, Suite 210A
Washington, DC 20001

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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RE: Application 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

As a District resident, I recognize the importance of elementary schools to the residents and neighborhoods of this city. Therefore, I urge you to support the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 16th St., NW.

This school is a unique resource for the District. As the only Jewish elementary school in the District, it is a magnet for Jewish families. If this school moves away, many taxpaying families will follow. Although I am not Jewish, I support the desire of those who wish to offer their children a Jewish education in the District. Also, as a District resident, I recognize that parochial schools carry some of the burden that otherwise would be carried by public schools and taxpayers.

I understand that the school has taken extreme measures to minimize impact on the neighborhood while temporarily renting space on 16th St.

Again, please approve the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital for a zoning adjustment. I also urge you to expedite the decision, so that the school can open on time in September.

Yours truly,

Dorothy B. Smith

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cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

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