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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chair, Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW Suite 210 S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

We have been residents in the District of Columbia for more than 10 years. Our daughter has attended pre-school and primary school in the District for the past 6 years. We love this city and would like to continue to live here and help it thrive.

We join the neighbors and members of Tifereth Israel and Ohev Sholom in writing this letter to show out support and urge you to approve the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, N.W. This temporary occupancy, at these two existing synagogues, will insure that the Jewish Primary Day School continues to thrive as it plans and builds a permanent location in the District.

The school is doing everything it can to minimize the impact of the school, and traffic in particular, on the surrounding neighborhood and is committed to working with the Shepherd Park neighborhood to address those concerns on an ongoing basis. It is important for the BZA to expedite its decision on this application to allow sufficient time for the school to be ready for classes in September of 2000.

For the last twelve years, the Jewish Primary Day School has become a magnet for District families looking for an excellent school and a more intensive Jewish education. Of the 180 children fully half of the school's families are D.C. residents. This is the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia and its tremendous growth over the last decade is a clear indication that we need to keep it here or we will lose these families, as we have in the past, to suburban Maryland and Virginia.

We thank you for helping to make this to happen.

Sincerely,

Margaret Hahn and Stephen Stern

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

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