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Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA)
414 Fourth Street, NW Suite 210-F
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Application # 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I have been a resident of the District of Columbia for 36 years. For 13 years I resided in the Shepherd Park neighborhood, living on Jonquil Street. I was a member of Tifereth Israel Congregation for more than 30 years.

I write in support of the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW – in the Tifereth Israel and Ohev Shalom buildings. Both of these congregations' facilities are suitable for a day school and the use of the space as a day school is compatible with their mission and the quality of a residential neighborhood.

The Jewish Primary Day School is the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia and fills a need in our community. The approval of the JPDS-NC zoning application is critical to the survival of this school while the parents and school administration work to secure the school's permanent home.

It is important that the BZA expedite its decision and find in favor of the school's application in order to allow sufficient time for the school to be ready for the next school year.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ruth P. Cogen

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

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