March 9, 2000

Chairperson Sheila Cross Reid
and Members of the Board
Board of Zoning Adjustment
414 Third Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

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OFFICE OF ZONING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

RE: APPLICATION #16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I run my own consulting business and have been doing business in the District of Columbia for several years. My nonprofit clients are in virtually every sector of the city: Southeast, Northeast and Northwest.

We join the neighbors and members of Tefereth Israel and Ohev Sholom in writing this letter of support for approval of the application of the Jewish Primary Day Schoool of the Nation's Capital for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW. This temporary residence at two existing synagogues will ensure a continued presence for Jewish education in the District.

Though we live not far from another Jewish day school in Rockville, we specifically chose JPDS, in part, to support a Jewish institution in D.C. Likewise, we sent our son Eli, who is now a JPDS student, to the pre-school at Tifereth Israel for three years, rather than spending our daycare dollars at a facility just two miles from our house. For the same reason, we are now sending our younger son to that same preschool.

JPDS is making every effort to negotiate in good faith with the community over traffic and other vital issues. The obligation--to treat a potential neighbor with respect and consideration for the concerns they have--has a deep history in Judaism; JPDS is "walking the talk." JPDS enjoys being part of the urban landscape--whether taking the metro to the Smithsonian or walking to the Cleveland Park library. I hope that the BZA will recognize that the nation's capitol should remain home to its only Jewish day school.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marsi Fein

cc: *Andrew Altman, Office of Planning*

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Exhibit No. 212

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