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Board of Zoning Adjustment
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

Though I do not live in Shepherd Park, I am a DC resident. I would like to go on record as strongly supporting the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital's application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. I understand that in doing so, I join many of those in Shepherd Park, members of Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah, and Tifereth Israel synagogues and Reverend Aldridge. The Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS) is the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia, and the school is committed to remaining in the District. The JPDS application is for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW.

The Jewish Primary Day School is a true treasure for the District's entire community. Founded in 1987, JPDS is an independent school open to everyone. The school has been recognized for the quality of its educational curriculum, faculty talent and students' performance. Most importantly, half of the JPDS families are District residents. The Jewish Primary Day School's temporary and permanent location certainly should be in the District of Columbia.

This temporary three-year occupancy will mean so much to the 180 children who are eager for their beloved school to have a home. It will also mean a lot to the rest of the Jewish community in the District. Like the rebirth of the Jewish Community Center on 16th Street, it speaks to the vibrancy of Jewish life in the city. I was very excited to hear of the school's creation, for that meant there were

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enough Jewish families with young children in the city to even contemplate going to all the hard work of starting the project. That it was such a wonderful success over the years made me feel justified in having chosen to stay in the District when I bought my home here. The security of the presence of a day school in the city will make it possible, I believe, for many more Jewish families to remain in the District, rather than feel they need to move out to Montgomery County. Thank you for approving this application and for allowing JPDS to remain in the District.

Sincerely,

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