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

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I am writing to urge the Board of Zoning Adjustment to approve the zoning application for a temporary site for the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capitol. I have many friends and colleagues with children attending JPDS-NC, and the approval of the zoning application is critical to the school's continued success.

For eleven years, JPDS-NC has provided families in Washington an opportunity to send their children to a Jewish community day school where they receive a strong education in both Judaics and secular studies. JPDS-NC is the only such school in DC. More than 60 families who reside in Washington rely on this school, and a significant number of families who live outside the city have chosen to send their children to JPDS-NC.

JPDS-NC attracts and keeps families in DC. Without the school, many families who want their children to attend a Jewish day school would move to the suburbs where other such schools exist.

I understand that the school and the parents of its students are fully committed to working with the Shepherd Elementary neighborhood to address its concerns. The JPDS-NC family are good neighbors, providing community service to the area where the school is located.

I hope that the BZA will consider and approve this application in an expedited fashion to ensure sufficient time for the school to move and reestablish itself in its temporary home before the 2000/2001 school year. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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cc: Councilmember Kathy Patterson
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

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