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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chair, Board of Zoning Adjustment
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OFFICE OF ZONING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Re: Jewish Primary Day School
application for temporary occupancy
at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW

Dear Ms. Reid,

We are writing in support of the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital, currently before the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

We are homeowners in the District and have been residents and taxpayers here for much of the last 25 years. As long-time residents, we are fully committed to the successful development of our wonderful city, not only as the nation's capital but also as my own adopted hometown.

We understand that in supporting the Jewish Primary Day School, we are joining many of those in Shepherd Park, and members of Ohev Shalom Talmud Torah and Tifereth Israel synagogues, as well as the Reverend Aldridge.

As you know, the Jewish Primary Day School is the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia and the school is committed to remaining inside the District. More than half of JPDS' families are District residents and nearly all work here.

The school has been recognized for the quality of its educational curriculum, faculty talent and students' performance. Thus, JPDS is an important component of the education services offered within the District. For all of these reasons, the JPDS should have both this temporary home as well as a permanent home within the District.

As homeowners who live closer than nearly any other to the JPDS' current location – which, sadly, they have outgrown – and as a member of the Board of Managers of their current landlord synagogue, I/we can attest that they are good neighbors who contribute to neighborhood around them. We will miss them.

The temporary three-year occupancy which the BZA is considering will mean so much to the 180 children who currently attend JPDS, as well as their families, to us, and to the larger DC community.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration in approving this important application, and for your help in finding a way which will allow the JPDS to remain in the District.

Sincerely,

Steve Rabinowitz
Laurie Moskowitz

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