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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chair, Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW Suite 210 S
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Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

We have owned and operated Comet Liquor and Deli in Adams Morgan for more than 20 years. When many businesses moved from the neighborhood, we stayed. As members of Tifereth Israel, we want to express our concern over the Shepherd Park ANC vote not to support the request from our synagogue for a special exemption to house the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nations' Capital.

We join the neighbors and members of Tifereth Israel and Ohev Sholom in writing this letter to show out support and urge you to approve the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, N.W. This temporary occupancy, at these two existing synagogues, will insure that the Jewish Primary Day School continues to thrive as it plans and builds a permanent location in the District.

The school is doing everything it can to minimize the impact of the school, and traffic in particular, on the surrounding neighborhood and is committed to working with the Shepherd Park neighborhood to address those concerns on an ongoing basis. It is important for the BZA to expedite its decision on this application to allow sufficient time for the school to be ready for classes in September of 2000.

For the last twelve years, the Jewish Primary Day School has become a magnet for District families looking for an excellent school and a more intensive Jewish education. Of the 180 children fully half of the school's families are D.C. residents. This is the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia and its tremendous growth over the last decade is a clear indication that we need to keep it here or we will lose these families, as we have in the past, to suburban Maryland and Virginia.

We thank you for helping to make this to happen.

Sincerely,

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cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
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