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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, Chairperson
District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 16566
Georgetown University Campus Plan

Dear Ms. Reid,

As the Coordinator of the Embassy Adoption Program in the District of Columbia Public Schools, I have enjoyed an excellent relationship with Georgetown University for the past twenty-five years. I took advantage of a scholarship program that Father Donovan and Georgetown offered to the entire faculty at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts. I earned a Masters Degree in International Studies in the evening while working during the day. Most of the faculty members went back to school at the invitation of Georgetown and paid only $50.00 for courses that normally cost thousands of dollars. Georgetown also paid more than $80.000.00 to repair the entrance to the school when the Fire Department closed it down for fire code violations. Duke Ellington was able to reopen in two weeks because the administrators did not have to go through the normal procurement process.

As the school system's Coordinator of Literacy Programs, I know from experience that Georgetown provides tutors for hundreds of our students who need assistance with reading through the D.C. Reads Program. I am also working Sharon Morganthaler at Georgetown on the preparation of a citywide Literacy Database that will serve parents, teachers and students in our city. Georgetown is providing the expertise and funds to set up the database.

In my role as Coordinator of the Embassy Adoption Program, I ask members of the Georgetown International Relations Club to serve as subcommittee leaders at the Mini United Nations Program, which serves fifty schools. The students have provided assistance for the past eight years and are an invaluable resource.

In my opinion, Georgetown University is an excellent neighbor to all members of our community. The institution contributes a great deal to making Washington a better place to live. If you have any further questions please call me at (202) 442-5520.

Sincerely,

Susan Deerin

Susan Deerin
Coordinator Embassy Adoption / Literacy Programs

cc: Joyce Jamison

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