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Jerily R. Kress, Director
The Board of Zoning Administration
441 Fourth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20001

**Reference: Tucker's Daycare**
**Case No.: 16570**

Dear Ms. Kress;

As a mother to a 24 year old daughter and grandmother to a 4 year old grandson, I know all too well that... **"It Takes A Village To Raise A Child!!!" GOOD CHILDCARE** is **PRIORITY ONE,** but just like a **UNICORN,** it's practically non-existent

Therefore, in venturing to find **GOOD** Childcare, we first inquired close to home in S. W. Ward 8D, of the District of Columbia. Since my daughter attended "Big Mama's Daycare Center" in, S. W. Ward 8D, we checked there first, however, there were no openings.

In a casual conversation with other parent's, Tucker's Childcare, located in the neighboring community of Ward 8E was refereed. Of course being the **"PROUD GRANDMOTHER"** *that I am,* I called to schedule an appointment, however as the **"PROUD GRANDMOTHER"** *that I am,* I did not set a time or date, I believe in the element of surprise.

Several days later, upon arrival, I was shocked; **1)** the facility was immaculate there were security cameras in place, **2)** the children's library was very impressive, **3)** there were cute little toilets, urinals and sinks in the rest rooms, **4)** the children were saying the most beautiful grace, **5)** over a beautifully catered meal in the spacious dining room, **6)** the sleeping quarters was spacious, not a crumb on the floor anywhere, **7)** there were staff members everywhere and they were also the most nurturing childcare providers I've seen in a long time and **8)** the children were very happy playing on the

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beautifully equipped playground. I arrived at 9:30 a.m. I stayed for three hours, never did I see traffic and there was plenty of parking directly in front of *"Tucker's Childcare Center".* I sat on the front porch of the gated yard, overlooking the garden to watch the children play. Occasionally one of the children would come and talk with me. I can't tell you what a pleasure it is speaking with such well mannered child.

My daughter and I would like to keep my grandson as close to home *(The Wingates)* as we possibly can, instead of having to enrolling him in a Prince George's County Maryland, (Ward 9) childcare center. Stop in "Tucker's Childcare Center" one day, I guarantee you will be impressed as much as we are. Please be advised, all I ever ask of the Zoning Commission is to... ***"Do The Right Thing!***

Respectfully,

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