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Ms. Jerrily Kress
Board of Zoning and Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application Number 16643

Dear Ms. Kress:

We are writing this letter in support of the Georgetown Flea Market. Our house is located directly across the street from the Hardy School. One of the reasons we purchased our house in the neighborhood was of the vitality in the neighborhood, which is clearly a direct result of the flea market. Furthermore, we find the flea market to be a fun community event. It does not appear to affect any activities or events at the school, in fact, we believe it is an asset. Each weekend, my husband and I watch the flea market vendors set up and take down their items and I am always amazed at how clean the school is following the activities. Although many of the school parents may not see that, it is truly a benefit to the school because it truly maintains the school grounds. Another important issue is that the flea market is a source of income for the school. If I were a parent with children attending the school, I would be very concerned about the loss of this money. Finally, the flea market attracts a lot of people from the neighborhood, other areas of the city, and the suburbs. It is important to the commerce of the shops in the area, which in turn has a positive impact on the surrounding neighborhood.

Most importantly, the flea market is a perfect use for the school grounds on Sunday. The school facility is largely unused and the flea market provides an economic benefit to the school and the community. From this perspective, zoning issues should not be allowed to preclude this excellent use of the school.

Please base your decision on the neighbors who 100 percent support the flea market and would desperately miss it. After all, this is our neighborhood and the weekend flea market is a special unique part of it.

Sincerely,

Suzanne and John Simon

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