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Jerrily R. Kress
Director
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street NW
Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application #16643, Georgetown Flea Market

Dear Mr. Kress,

As the Member of the Board of Education representing the District that includes the Georgetown Flea Market, I am concerned first and foremost with its impact on the educational process at Hardy Middle School. I am pleased to say that the Flea Market does not appear to have any negative impact on the School's operations. The Flea Market contributes to the vibrancy of the area in which it is located, and to the city at-large. It has the support of a wide range of community members and organizations.

I support the leasing of school property for commercial and non-commercial activity, with the requisite monitoring to establish that the activity does not interfere with the educational or enrichment program of the school, and when the lease reflects fair market value, community interest, and is awarded through a fair process. The current Board of Education has not yet discussed the particularities of the leasing arrangement with the Flea Market or any other entity that leases DCPS property. Your consideration of this case is extremely important in our interactions with current and future leasing arrangements involving DCPS property. I hope that the BZA will find the Flea Market in compliance with zoning regulations so that the Board of Education can further consider the Flea Market as a leasee.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Julie Mikuta
Member, District 1

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