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Board of Zoning Adjustments
Chairman Geoffrey Griffis
441 4th Street, NW, 2nd. Floor
Washington, DC 20001

RE: BZA Application No. 16852
St. Patrick's School – 4925 MacArthur Blvd.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to express my support for the expansion of St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School into the building at 4925 MacArthur Boulevard.

Our two children, age 7 and 9, are St. Patrick's students. I have been a resident of Washington, D.C. for 13 years, and a key reason why we remain in Washington D.C. , rather than move to Maryland or Virginia is because schools such as St. Patrick's exist in the District. A paramount factor in expanding the prosperity of our city is its ability to attract and retain families, which in turn, depends on the city's ability to offer a quality education.

There is a tremendous shortage of middle schools in this city. There is a growing demand for private schools as so many children opt out of public schools after the sixth grade. Fortunately, St. Patrick's initiative will help meet this growing demand.

For the growth and prosperity of our city, for the future of the children, please approve the St. Patrick's extension.

With many thanks for your attention and support regarding this matter, I remain,

Yours truly,

V. Lagrange

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