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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application # 16852, St. Patrick's School – 4925 MacArthur Blvd.

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

I am writing to express my support of St. Patrick's zoning application for a special exception to use the property at 4925 MacArthur Boulevard to house its 7th and 8th grade program. Although I am not a parent, I do recognize the problems with the public school system in the District at this time and that many residents find independent or parochial school options desirable alternatives. I understand that those options have become increasingly more scarce in the 7th and 8th grades as more public school students feed into the private schools. As such, I appreciate that St. Patrick's is trying to fill the need.

I have friends with school age children, some of whom send their kids to St. Patrick's. I also work in Ward 3, so I have been keeping abreast of the issues relating to the use of this property. It seems to me that St. Patrick's is committed to ensuring that its presence will not have any negative impacts on the community. All of the conditions the school proposes for its use of the house result in the neighborhood being affected negligibly or not at all: shuttle bus service between the campuses, trash removal to the main campus, no street parking on Ashby, no evening classes or activities, not even a basketball hoop on the black topped area. The school is even preserving the house and the adjacent grassy lot as it is.

Therefore, for all the reasons I have stated above, and the fact that numerous independent school options help keep DC a desirable place to live, I enthusiastically support St. Patrick's application to the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brown

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