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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 would like to express my support of St. Patrick's zoning application for a special exception to use the property at 4925 MacArthur Boulevard as academic space for its 7th and 8th grade program. Although I am not a parent, I do have concerns about the educational opportunities with the District of Columbia. I believe there is a gap in the supply and demand for Grades 7 and 8 spaces in Washington, and I appreciate that St. Patrick's is trying to fill the need.

I have been following the discussion about this in the Current, have attended several ANC meetings, and I am impressed with St. Patrick's is commitment to ensuring that its presence will have no negative impacts on the community. The shuttle bus proposal will avoid traffic congestion on Ashby Street. Arrival and departure of students will be at the existing bus pad located directly in front of the house. Teachers can park in the lot that already exists at the site, so there will be no need for parking on Ashby Street. In addition, noise will be reduced in the evening since unlike the Psychoanalytic Society, St. Patrick's will only be using the building during the day. Lastly, I am pleased that St. Patrick's will be preserving the existing building and green space on the site.

Therefore, for all the reasons I have stated above, I wholeheartedly support St. Patrick's application to the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

Sincerely,

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