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

Re: BZA Application No. 16852
St. Patrick's School - 4925 MacArthur Boulevard

Dear Mr. Griffis,

I am a resident of the Palisades community and a member of the Palisades Citizens Association. I am a native of the city and my children were born in Washington and grew up in the Palisades neighborhood. I live in Washington/Palisades because no other neighborhood provides the schools, shopping and ease of access.

I understand that there is some opposition to St Patrick's efforts to use 4925 MacArthur Boulevard as a middle school, based on zoning. I am strongly in favor of St Patrick's application for use of the structure as a school for the following reasons:

1. St Patrick's has addressed the major "use" issues including density and traffic. They will not expand the property and will use it "where as". They have proposed a plan that will bus kids from its location on Whitehaven Parkway, thereby relieving any pressure on the Ashby/MacArthur Boulevard intersection.

2. The single most attractive feature to raising a family in the Palisades neighborhood is its schools. Both of my children attended St Patrick's School. The ability to get them to and from school and the interaction between families made their growing up years a wonderful experience. If the City limits the provision of neighborhood schools it will sterilize its growth and attractiveness as a place to live and raise families.

3. MacArthur Boulevard is one of the longest continuous roads in the city. This use is in keeping with the nature of both the Boulevard and will not adversely effect the neighborhood but will preserve the openness and low density of the site.

Please count this letter in support of St Patrick's efforts to obtain a zoning adjustment that will permit the use of 4925 MacArthur Boulevard as a school.

Sincerely,

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