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Chairman Geoffrey Griffis
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St., NW, Suite 210
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To: Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

Subject: BZA Application 16852
St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School
4925 MacArthur Blvd, NW

For more than forty years we have lived and worked in the District of Columbia, raising two sons who attended DC public schools. We are proud and loyal advocates of our city. We are also supporters of St. Patrick's School's application (#16852) for a zoning variance in order to establish a middle school at 4925 MacArthur Blvd, NW.

We firmly believe that St. Patrick's new middle school offers a wonderful option to District students in grades 7 and 8. Small classes and a strong commitment to ethical as well as an academic education characterize the new program and the long-standing Nursery through Grade 6 program at 4700 Whitehaven Parkway. The school has demonstrated its intention to respect and meet the needs of neighbors should the variance be granted.

Our own home is located within 1 1/2 blocks of Georgetown Day School's High School campus. We well remember the fear with which our own neighborhood regarded the arrival of that facility. Time has shown us that our fears were unwarranted. That school is a good neighbor to the American University Park neighborhood just as St. Patrick's will be to those who live in Palisades. With confidence in St. Patrick's and in our city, we urge you to approve St. Patrick's application.

Sincerely,

Jules + Patricia Spector

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