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

Re: BZA No. 16852

Dear Mr. Griffis:

My husband and I have been residents of Washington for the past 25 years. Our daughter Kate is a 2nd grader at St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School and our son Douglass attended St. Patrick's for eight years, graduating in May 2001. We are both extremely interested in St. Patrick's being able to use 4925 MacArthur Boulevard for their 7th and 8th Grades.

Up until June 2001, we resided at 4621 Q Street, NW. Our home was directly across the street from the playground at Georgetown Prep. Yes, every weekday during the school year there was more traffic around 8 a.m. in the morning and 3 p.m. in the afternoon. We did not find it at all disruptive to our daily lives. But more importantly, on each one of those days we got to hear the joyous voices of children at play and we knew that children were having the opportunity to learn right across the street from us. A little extra traffic was a small price to pay for having a school in our neighborhood. Suffice it to say we found it an asset not a liability.

We also think the District needs more schools. Its important for parents to have choices when trying to find the best school for their children. A variety of learning institutions can only strengthen our community.

Sincerely,

Deborah C. Silverstein

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