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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St., NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 16852, St. Patrick School

Dear Mr. Griffis:

I am writing in strong support of St. Patrick School's proposed middle school. My family and I live a few blocks from the proposed site, and we are pleased to learn that a school of St. Patrick's caliber is interested in expanding into our immediate neighborhood.

I am particularly appreciative of the fact that St. Patrick's approached this important matter in a deliberate and considered fashion. These types of development issues can sometimes be unfair to local residents, particularly when the developing party and its beneficiaries are indifferent to the safety and needs of those most affected by the proposed development. But St. Patrick's recognized that some in the neighborhood may have concerns with the proposed middle school. Rather than dismiss those concerns out of hand, St. Patrick's has devoted substantial time and resources to listening to the concerns of its future neighbors, and addressed them in various ways. I know, for example, that St. Patrick's has agreed to cap enrollment at the school, and committed to several measures that will appreciably minimize traffic and noise issues.

St. Patrick's diligence and respect for local concerns should be rewarded through the approval of its application.

Sincerely,

Stephanie B. Lilley

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