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Geoff Griffis, Chairman
D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.
Second Floor
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Zoning Application No. 16852

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

My family and I reside a short distance from the St. Patrick's site. The purpose of this letter is to express my strong support of the proposed middle school for St. Patrick's. Initially, upon learning of the application, I had many concerns which were based on an inadequate understanding of the details of the proposal. While I was originally opposed, I have now changed my position in support, and I instructed Mrs. Gates, who circulated one of the earlier petitions in opposition, to remove my family's name.

I believe that the proposal, which will preserve the existing house and the significant open space on the site, will be a great benefit to the community. The school will be limited in its enrollment to 60 children, and its offer of a covenant to cap the enrollment has given me comfort that the use will not expand beyond the half-acre site. I commend St. Patrick's for its extensive and ongoing dialogue with the community. Literally every concern that has been raised has been addressed in a meaningful way. The shuttle bus concept is to be commended. It will prevent the traffic issues that concerned many neighbors. In addition, the fact that the site will not be used at night or on the weekends is a benefit. Finally, I strongly support the use of neighboring parks by these children. The parks are for the benefit of the entire community. Concerns about park use contained in some letters strike me as most offensive.

My family and I love the Palisades community and consider St. Patrick's to be an integral part of that community. We welcome the middle school and look forward to its successful operation on one of the few remaining larger sites on MacArthur Boulevard.

Very truly yours,

Nora Burke
4837 W Street, NW

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