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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Re: BZA Application No. 16852: St Patrick's School - 4925 MacArthur Blvd.

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

As a 12-year resident of the Foggy Bottom, a graduate of GW University, and now a mother trying to raise a family in the city, I am writing in support of the proposed use of 4925 MacArthur Boulevard by St. Patrick's School. I strongly support the enhancement of educational opportunities for middle school students in the District.

In the two years during which my 5-year-old son has been attending St. Patrick's School, I have come across many D.C. residents who know of the school and hold it in high regard.

For me, St. Patrick's School is one of the most important reasons that I remain a resident in the District of Columbia. It is also one of the reasons that I am now looking to buy a home in the Palisades, as our family outgrows our apartment in Foggy Bottom.

Nevertheless, one drawback to an education at St. Patrick's School has been that the school did not continue beyond the sixth grade until recently. The expansion of the school has my support.

Consequently, for these reasons, I also strongly support the proposed use of 4925 MacArthur Boulevard by St. Patrick's School. I am familiar with the specific piece of property and understand that the school is willing to agree to highly restricted use of the site in order to accommodate concerns of the immediate community. The proposed use is both reasonable and appropriate in light of its current use.

I was disconcerted when I learned that previous decisions with respect to the application have been made on the basis of misinformation. I understand that there has been misinformation concerning the impact on traffic and the price of adjacent homes.

I am aware of the many benefits and opportunities that St. Patrick's brings to the Palisades community. The proposed use is a benefit to the children of the District, particularly those of the Palisades. Therefore, I urge you to recognize this by approving the application.

Thank you for considering my views on this application.

Sincerely,

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