1538 Monroe St NW, Apt 2
Washington DC 20010-3148
May 28, 2002

Ann Barnet MD, President
Board of Directors
The Family Place
3309 Sixteenth St NW
Washington DC 20010

Dear Dr Barnet,

As neighbors of the Family Place (the back door of our coop sits across the alley from the back door of the Family Place) and as concerned citizens of the wider community, we would like to strongly support your petition for a zoning variance so that the Family Place can continue its valuable work in our city.

As you well know, this neighborhood is increasingly home to many poor, young families. Often these families have emerged from very difficult histories and are new to our country and to the difficulties and responsibilities of living in an urban environment. The Family Place is the only organization we know that is providing support to the entire family as they grow together. It is vital that you work continue in our neighborhood, and we strongly encourage the zoning board to make that possible by granting your petition for a variance.

Your organization not only does important work in our community but is also a good neighbor to the rest of us. It is critical that organizations like yours continue to exist and to exist in residential neighborhoods like ours.

Sincerely yours,

David Hilfiker

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