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Geoffrey H. Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
Office of Zoning
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Dear Mr. Griffis:

The Life Skills Center, founded in 1974 is the only nonprofit that provides multicultural, multilingual (Spanish/English/Vietnamese) programs for persons with mental retardation, mental illness and developmental disabilities in the District of Columbia. We are pleased to provide this letter in support of The Family Place's application for a zoning variance.

The Family Place occupies a unique place in the consortia of community-based service providers in the District of Columbia. The support services that The Family Place has made available to families over two decades in some of the city's most densely populated neighborhoods has been invaluable, not only to the low-income parents and their young children who reside there, but to the service provider community as well.

Like the Life Skills Center, The Family Place is committed to the goals of strengthening families, promoting self-sufficiency, and increasing the access of low-income residents to employment and business development through collaborative efforts with our stakeholders, which include area residents, community organizations, and the community at-large, to build a stronger and more vital community.

We welcome the opportunity to continue our relationship with The Family Place as it endeavors to provide needed services to the Adams Morgan, Columbia Heights, and Mount Pleasant communities. We strongly urge the Board of Zoning Adjustments to grant a variance to such a worthwhile organization that is very much needed in the community.

Sincerely,

Belynda Roebuck
Executive Director

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