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Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
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RE: BZA Application No. 16915
Barbara Schriever Allan - 2828 Hurst Terrace, NW

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board,

We have been residents of the Palisades community for the past 4 years and recognize the need for educational opportunities for young children in the neighborhood. Therefore, we are writing to completely support Barbara Allan's application to continue operation of her child development center at 2828 Hurst Terrace.

We have been saddened over the past few years with neighbors who are approaching retirement or have retired and who seem to have developed an attitude against schools, and even children, in their neighborhood. Also, it is disappointing that some new neighbors do not seem to see that this school enhances the entire community despite some minor inconveniences.

In these difficult times facing our country, it is even more important to nurture and protect our precious children and ensure that they have a safe and nearby environment to attend school. We should all embrace the schools in our community and support what they stand for, especially when they try to work with their immediate neighbors to have little or no negative impact on them.

Barbara Allan's child development center has provided an invaluable service to our community for eighteen years and should be allowed to continue to do so. Her application allows for the institution's transfer to

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Christine Lonergan. We fully support both Barbara Allan and Christine Lonergan and urge you to continue the special exception for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Joseph Wilson

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