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Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St., N.W., Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: BZA Application 16915
Barbara Schiever Allan – 2828 Hurst Terrace, N.W.

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

I am writing in support of Barbara Allan's application for a renewal of her special exemption permit to operate her Montessori School at 2828 Hurst Terrace. We have been residents of Palisades for 24 years, and we sent our youngest daughter to Barbara's school during the 1986-87 school year. Our daughter went on to attend Key Elementary School, Hardy Middle School, and Wilson High School. She is now a sophomore at Barnard College in New York City.

Good schools were the reason why we chose to live in Palisades. While Key School offers an excellent Kindergarten and Pre-K, it does not offer a nursery school for 3-year-olds. For working parents like us, nursery schools are a necessity. If we want parents to continue to choose to live in the District, and to support our public schools, we need to offer them good nursery school options. Barbara Allan's school plays a key role in making the Palisades an attractive place for young parents to live.

Our daughter also had Christine Lonergan as a teacher when she attended Key School. Christine is a wonderful teacher and would make an outstanding successor to Barbara Allan when Barbara retires from teaching. The application should include Christine's name so that she can continue to operate the school after Barbara's retirement.

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Sincerely yours,

John V. Wells

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cc: Barbara Allan

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