August 20, 2002

Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning, Adjustment
441 4th Street, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 16915
Barbara Schreiver Allan --2828 Hurst Terrace, NW

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

My husband and I have been residents in the Palisades community for the past two years. I strongly recognize the need for educational opportunities for young children in the Palisades community as we think about starting our own family. Therefore, I write in support of Barbara Allan's application to continue operation of her child development center at 2828 Hurst Terrace.

I have been extremely disappointed, as I have heard that the neighbors who are approaching retirement or have retired have seemed to develop an attitude against schools and even children in this area. How shortsighted it is considering that some of those neighbors have been a part of Barbara's program many years ago. In addition, some neighbors do not seem to see what is truly best for the whole community, and worry about their own inconveniences.

In these uncertain times, we need to nurture and protect children and make sure they have a safe and nearby environment to attend school. We should all be embracing schools in our community and support what they stand for, especially when they try so hard to work with their immediate neighbors to be of little to no 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. It would be a huge detriment to the neighborhood if this school was not allowed to continue and frankly, would make valuable residents of the community start to look in other education-friendly communities. Barbara's application allows for the institution's transfer to Christine Lonergan. I heartily support both Barbara Allan and Christine Lonergan and urge you to continue the special exception for the foreseeable future.

Sincerely,

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