Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Re: BZA Application No. 16915
Barbara Schriever Allan – 2828 Hurst Terrace, NW

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

I have been a resident of the Spring Valley community for the past five years. I strongly recognize the need for educational opportunities for young children in our community. Barbara's Montessori School has enjoyed a well deserved reputation for many years in the Spring Valley/Palisades communities. 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 saddened over the past few years with the 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 what is truly best for the whole community and the District, rather than worry about their own minor inconveniences.

In these tragic times, we need to nurture and protect our precious children and make sure that 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. Her application allows for the institution's transfer to Christine Lonergan. I fully support both Barbara Allan and Christine Lonergan and urge you to continue the special exception for many years to come.

Sincerely,

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