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

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

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

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

We have been saddened by the news that neighbors are opposing the renewal of Barbara Allan's application. It is a shame that neighbors who do not themselves have young children (or who may have already completed the education of their young children) have developed a callous indifference to the young in our community. If the application is not renewed the whole community will be affected for a few people who are unwilling to put up with the minor personal inconveniences for the betterment of the community. Barbara Allan's child development center already receives more applications than she has space for, demonstrating what an asset it is to the community.

Children need to be nurtured and protected as they grow. Therefore, we need to make sure that they have a safe and nearby environment to attend school. We should be supporting 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 resource to the community for eighteen years and should be allowed to continue to do so. Her application allows for the institution's transfer to 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,

Richard J. Gagnon, Jr. Jennifer C. Gagnon

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