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Geoffrey Griffith, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street N.W.
Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 16915 - Application of Barbara Schriever Allan for Special Exception for Barbara's Montessori, 2828 Hurst Terrace

Dear Chairman Griffith:

My husband and I recently purchased a home in the Palisades neighborhood. One of the major reasons we chose the Palisades was because of the family friendly nature of the neighborhood and the strong sense of community that exists there.

As I began to research preschool choices for my 10-month-old son, William, I learned from a variety of sources that Barbara's Montessori is one of the finest in the area. I was therefore very distressed to learn that the zoning application for this excellent educational establishment is being opposed by a very small but vocal group of neighbors.

I understand that Barbara's application for a special exception is on the agenda for the Board of Zoning Adjustment's September 24 public hearing. I sincerely urge you to approve Barbara's application so that she can continue to operate her preschool and educate the next generation of Palisades residents. Choosing to shut down the school will only exacerbate the existing shortage of decent preschools in our neighborhood, thereby depriving our young children – our future – of an opportunity to learn close to home.

Sincerely Yours,

Mary Ruppe Nash

cc: Barbara Schreiver Allen

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