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

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RE: Support for BZA Application No. 16915
Barbara Schriever Allan – 2828 Hurst Terrace, N.W.

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

It must be obvious that nearly every parcel of green open space in upper northwest has been or is being developed and the families who move into these homes will need more – not fewer – services and schools. (And this issue should be the subject of another letter -- who is monitoring this over-growth explosion?!)

I am a native Washingtonian and have been a resident of the Palisades area for 12 years. There is a greater need now than ever for neighborhood educational opportunities for children. Therefore, I write in support of Barbara Allan's application to continue operation of her child development center at 2828 Hurst Terrace. Her school serves everyone in the community well, and helps to make this an attractive area to raise a family.

I honestly don't understand why there is such hostility on this issue. Barbara's Montessori is a very small school – which serves the neighborhood community well. There seemed to be no such hurdles for the Mount Vernon/G.W. campus expansion, which increased its enrollment of NON-COMMUNITY students by the hundreds, while adding the local color of teenagers driving. The "mountain and the mole hill" fable seems apt here.

I urge you to continue to support the special exception for Barbara Allan, and her successor, Christine Lonergan.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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