El Embajador de España

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

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

D.C. OFFICE OF ZONING
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August 28, 2007

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board,

We have been residents of Washington DC for the past two years. We are writing to you in support of Barbara Allen's application to continue operation of her child development center at 2828 Hurst Terrace.

Our daughter was of preschool age when we arrived in the city and we desperately needed to find quality childcare in the neighborhood of Hurst Terrace. We chose Barbara's school because of its location, as well as due to the warm and nurturing environment we observed upon visiting the site. We also found the school enjoyed an excellent reputation among other area residents.

We personally drove our daughter to school in the morning and picked her up at noon. During the two years that our daughter attended Barbara's school, we observed minimum negative impact to the community's neighbors. Traffic was extremely fluid, with parents waiting no more than two to three minutes to pick up their children. We also received numerous notes from Barbara asking for our increased awareness and consideration for her neighbors. Meanwhile, under the guidance of Barbara's Montessori School and its excellent teachers, our daughter has grown into a friendly, well-adjusted, intelligent, English speaking little Washingtonian. It would be a true shame and a disservice to the community to deprive other children the opportunity to attend this high quality child development center in the future.

We fully support Barbara Allan in her endeavor to continue to provide such an invaluable service to her community. We also support the eventual transfer of the institution to Christine Lonergan, and we urge you to continue the special exemption for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Ambassador and Mrs. Ruperez

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