September 7, 2002

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

RE: BZA Application #16915
Barbara Schriever Allan – 2828 Hurst Terrace, N.W.

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

I am the mother of a seven year old and a five year old that both attended Barbara's Montessori School for preschool. My husband and I chose Barbara's because it offers a wonderful, nurturing, rich first "out of home experience" for young children, but also because it is in our neighborhood. Barbara Allan's child development center has provided an invaluable service to our family, and to many others in the Palisades and MacArthur Blvd/Reservoir Road corridor.

There is a need for Barbara's Montessori in our community. We want to keep our youngest children, some of whom are away from their parents for the first time, close to home and in the kind of environment that Barbara's offers. While we were there, the parents were mindful of the thoughtful carpool rules that Barbara had developed, and drop off and pick up were amazingly smooth and uneventful. The drivers are all parents with small children's safety in mind. Barbara Allan has worked to be a considerate neighbor, offering a service to our community that far outweighs a few neighbors' minor inconvenience.

With eighteen years of service, losing Barbara's Montessori School would be like losing a community institution – one that is well run, well regarded, and has served us well. I wholeheartedly support their continued operation and service for the future.

Sincerely,

Lori P. Harrop
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Washington, DC 20007

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