September 16, 2002

Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW 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 resided in the Palisades community for 8 years, six at 2831 Hurst Terrace, diagonally across from Barbara Allan's child development center. Our three children went to Barbara's school; two of them walked there every morning. Our third had to be driven, a sad necessity after moving to our bigger home in Bethesda.

During the six years we lived across from Barbara Allan's child development center, we never had a problem with parents picking up their children or dropping them off. The time of carpool only lasted 10 or 15 minutes each time; and everyone was very careful not to block any driveway, let alone the street. We always considered having the school a blessing for us while we lived there, and a positive selling point when we sold our home.

Barbara's School has been an invaluable asset to the Palisade's community for 18 years. We feel extremely fortunate to have benefited from a small, neighborhood school. It is unfortunate that there are not more of them, at all levels of education. We believe that the school should be allowed to continue now and also after transfer to Christine Lonergan, and urge you to continue the special exemption for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Deborah Rucci

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