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

September 10, 2002

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

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

I am writing in support of Barbara Allan's application to continue operation of her child development center at 2828 Hurst Terrace. My husband and I have been D.C. residents for over 12 years, always residing in the upper northwest section of the city. I also have young children.

We all know that there is a strong need in our city for solid education programs for our children, particularly our very young children. Barbara Allan's program has provided just that. The children that attend her school receive wonderful early education in a safe and nuturing environment. We should not want to deny our children in the community access to this school. This is a neighborhood school where children are happy, and therefore, willing to learn.

The inconvenience to neighbors is so minimal. Children are dropped off after the usual hour at which most people leave for work, and the pickup at lunchtime lasts no more than fifteen minutes. Parents of the children have been asked to limit the number of cars waiting in a line and cones are placed out on the street to allow the carpool cars to pull over and wait by the curb. These are clearly measures meant to help and assist neighbors. I might also add that none of these neighbors were surprised to find they live on a "school" street. The Key Elementary School is also on Hurst Terrace, sitting very prominently on the hill. The current neighbors knew upon moving in that there would be carpools and school buses and extra traffic during the school

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day. The slight inconveniences posed by Barbara's school are nothing in comparison. Additionally, it should be noted that the Key School has been going through extensive renovations which are almost completed. I would expect that neighbors' frustration with all of the construction is probably the real root of their complaints.

I hope that you will acknowledge the invaluable need and service of Barbara Allan's child development center to our community and thereby allow her to continue its operation. Both she and her successor, Christine Lonergan, have proved themselves as superior educators. I support both women and sincerely urge you to allow for the special exception for the school's continuance well into the future.

Sincerely,

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