Episcopal Senior Ministries

900 SECOND STREET, N.E., #206 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20002

(202) 289-5690 FAX. (202) 289-5693

October 29, 2002

RECEIVED
D.C. OFFICE OF ZONING
2002 NOV -4 PM 4:31

Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA
Director
DC Office of Zoning
441 Fourth Street, NW, Suite 220
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Kress:

On behalf of Episcopal Senior Ministries, I am writing to express our support for the Office on Aging BZA Application No. 16942 for a special exemption to construct a senior wellness center in the premises known as Old Hayes School at 1035 Fifth Street, NE. The school is located just a few blocks from our office and just a few blocks from Calvary Episcopal Church which has a very active seniors program.

I understand that the senior wellness center would provide services to promote good health habits, enhance social, mental and physical well being. There are several other similar centers in the city which have proved to be an real asset to their communities. One of our services is next door to the senior wellness center on Evart Street, NE, and it is a wonderful and quiet asset to that neighborhood.

Episcopal Senior Ministries has been providing housing, care management, and a variety of other services to the elderly of the District of Columbia since 1924. Our services are nondenominational. We also have a special relationship with Episcopal congregations -- encouraging each congregation to respond to the needs of their senior members.

I am confident that the Office on Aging and this senior wellness center will be a good neighbor and community partner in our Northeast neighborhood.

Thank you for considering our support as you review this BZA application.

Respectfully,

Joseph E. Resch, Jr.
Executive Director

BZA
Case No. 16942
Exhibit No. 25

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.16942
EXHIBIT NO.25