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Chairman
D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.,
Second Floor
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 16970 - The National Child Research Center – Friends of NCRC – Letter of Support

Dear Members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment:

We are members of the Friends of NCRC and we are writing this letter to evidence our total and unequivocal support for NCRC's application to the D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment, BZA Application No. 16970. Our house is located at 2938 Bellevue Terrace, NW, Washington, D.C. 20016 and we have been residents in the Cleveland Park neighborhood for eight years.

We have always found NCRC to be a good and considerate neighbor and a true benefit to the Cleveland Park neighborhood. In our experience, we have found the leadership of NCRC to be very willing to listen to concerns from its neighbors and members of the community and to take actions to address those concerns. We appreciate the fact that NCRC allows neighborhood residents to use its playground facilities after its programs have ended during the week and on weekends, and invites the neighborhood to participate in its annual Pumpkin Party.

Our son Aaron is an NCRC 'alum', and we were incredibly grateful to have this excellent preschool in our neighborhood. NCRC is a good neighbor, and has carefully thought through the proposed expansion. NCRC is also sensitive to the needs and concerns of the neighborhood -- I remember Aaron once delivering flowers and pumpkins to NCRC neighbors' front stoops and porches in the fall. Please support this wonderful institution. It is a Cleveland Park treasure.

We want the members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment to be aware that there are many members of the community, like ourselves, who fully support NCRC and its application. For all of these reasons, we ask that the BZA approve Application No. 16970.

Sincerely,

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