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D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.,
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Friends of NCRC Letter of Support
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 16970 – The National Child Research Center

Dear Members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment,

We have lived in Cleveland Park - 3601 Macomb Street NW - for thirty-six years and have had many positive associations with the National Child Research Center.

All three of our children were students there and benefited mightily from that experience. I served on the Board of Directors from 1962-1966 and from January-August 1966, I served as Acting Executive Director.

So, we are very familiar with the school even if our intense activity ended more than 30 years ago. That background has caused us to follow very closely the efforts of the present NCRC administration to improve its buildings and grounds. We have been saddened, even angry at times, to see that a school that has been such a caring neighbor, and such an important community asset, has been treated so badly by some of its wealthy neighbors who seem to us to be principally motivated by self-interest, not the interests of Washington's children.

We think that most of the expressed fears by opponents of NCRC's proposed plan are unfounded. We deplore the rigid and warring attitude of many opponents. When we balance the potential for improved education and development for thousands of children against the possible minor inconveniences of a few dozen neighbors, we conclude that NCRC's rezoning application should be supported.

We ask you to rule in their favor.

Jackie (and David) Marlin
3601 Macomb Street, N.W.

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