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Chairman
D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.,
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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 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 3430 Porter Street, NW and we have been residents in the Cleveland Park neighborhood for three years. We resided in nearby Woodley Park for the seven years preceding our move to Cleveland Park.

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 daughter does not currently attend NCRC but we hope that she will be accepted either this year or the next. Our desire to live within walking distance to good schools is one of the main reasons we chose to live and raise a family in the city. We hope that NCRC's expansion of their student enrollment will afford more of the neighborhood children the opportunity to attend this wonderful institution.

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

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hester
Kimberly A. Hester

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