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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Chair
District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Griffis:

I am writing to support the National Child Resource Center's proposal to build an addition and a new building. My children attended NCRC and I am enthusiastic about any project improve the school.

I have reviewed the proposed plans for the addition and new building and believe that the design is compatible with the historic character of the neighborhood. The new building is designed to appear residential and is similar in the height and density of other structures in the neighborhood. The architect has done a wonderful job of accommodating both the school's needs and the neighbors' concerns.

My wife and I chose to send our children to NCRC because we believe in the school's mission. It is a school that believes strongly in doing the best it can for each child, and it brings together a unique mix of families from different racial, socio-economic backgrounds, as well as a mixture of children with special needs and typically developing children. NCRC's success at integrating these children is very special and for that we are grateful that our children can experience the school.

We have been very impressed with NCRC's plans for improving the current facility. Anyone who has spent time there can see its need for more space. I believe NCRC has responded to neighborhood concerns. After receiving input at more than a dozen neighborhood meetings, they have cut back the size of the proposed new building significantly. They have already begun to make changes in their traffic management plan, and it is clear that they are working very hard to ensure that there will be no adverse impacts from the dropping off or picking up of children.

I enthusiastically support the school and hope you also will support their efforts. Thank you very much.

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Sincerely,

Jack Evans
Councilmember, Ward 2

CC: Tersh Boasberg, Chair, Historic Preservation Review Board
Ellen McCarthy, Deputy Director for Development Review, Office of Planning

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