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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Chair
District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
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Dear Mr. Griffis:

My daughter is about to begin her third year at NCRC and I am writing to you in strong support of NCRC's improvement project.

I have reviewed the plans for the addition and the new building, and feel that the project design fits the style and character of the surrounding neighborhood. While the project will expand the school's facilities, the grounds will remain spacious and NCRC will continue to provide an environment that feels and looks like a beautiful home in one of the most picturesque neighborhoods in the District.

We have been so lucky to be part of the NCRC family for the past two years. The teachers and staff are deeply committed to all of their students. The school brings together a diverse group of families and creates a real sense of community. We, like all other NCRC families, cherish the communal, home-like atmosphere and would never support a project that would diminish it.

The proposed project would remedy some space limitations for NCRC staff and students, while preserving the home-like atmosphere. The new carriage house will provide a much needed larger space for the children's motor classes, where the children run, jump, throw balls and balance. These classes now take place in a small library. The addition will also allow NCRC to add two new classes, and by doing so, reduce the number of children in each class. The renovation to the main house will vacate areas for staff meetings and parent/teacher conferences, that now, due to space limitations, often take place in closets or basement rooms originally intended for storage.

While the project will yield substantial benefits to the school, its effect on the neighborhood should be minimal. The reduced size of the new building and its placement within the slope of the hill will limit its impact on the visual landscape, and the renovation and addition to the main building will be modest. In addition, since the new

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classes will be full-day programs, there will be no impact on traffic flow during the peak pick-up period around lunch time.

In short, the project should yield substantial benefits with negligible costs. I strongly support the school in its efforts.

Sincerely,

Daniel Covitz