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District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Dear Mr. Griffis,

I am pleased to write a letter in support of NCRC and their thoughtful plan for renovation.

I have had two children attend the school, and one in particular continues to prosper from the unyielding benefits of early childhood intervention. Among the advantages of the NCRC program is that you can watch your child in his or her classroom through a two-way mirror. Many such observations have led to wonderful epiphanies concerning direction of treatment. During his three years however, there were many times I found myself stuck in a corner or on a stairwell to grab a private moment with a teacher or therapist to discuss my child. This is due to the general lack of space, which makes a private discussion, vital to a parent's comfort level, very difficult.

I believe that NCRC has thoroughly considered this issue in the new plan and values the confidentiality of families. I admire the consideration that the school has taken with the neighbors and feel once again that they will continue to be sensitive, as this embodies what the school is clearly about.

I have also had the privilege of serving on the NCRC board for three consecutive years from 1999 thru 2001. Being involved in a school so true to its mission was an experience I will never forget. I have never seen such a committed group of individuals whose common goal is to remain true to the integrity of the school and specifically its historic physical beauty. I know that every decision; through-out this process has been made with the values of the school in mind.

NCRC will be part of our lives long after our 3rd child attends. It is a diamond in the rough and a model preschool dedicated to a diverse community of children and their families. We whole heartedly support their efforts.

Sincerely,

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