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D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW
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Washington DC 20001
Attn: Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman

Re: The Lab School of Washington
Letter of Support of BZA Application No, 17383

Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing in support of the Lab School's proposal to construct angled parking spaces in the public space along Whitehaven Parkway. The angled spaces will provide for orderly parking along Whitehaven – which is now helter skelter – and improve the safety for pedestrians walking on Whitehaven. St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School has installed similar parking spaces further north on Whitehaven Parkway and those spaces do not appear to me to have caused objectionable impacts. In fact, as someone who regularly drives up that road, I think that the driving is significantly easier and safer on the part of Whitehaven Parkway where those angled parking spaces exist.

I believe that Applicant has been very responsive to concerns and issues raised by the ANC and other members of the community. Working with the community, The Lab School has spent well over a year developing a plan to reduce parking impacts on the neighborhood. The proposed spaces will be much safer and efficient than the current arrangement of parking alongside the street and they will add more parking spaces in the neighborhood. I support The Lab School's application and I request that you approve BZA application No. 17383.

I also respectfully request that my strong support for this application be accepted into the record of this case.

Thank you for your attention to my comments.

Sincerely,

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