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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200S
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Re: BZA No. 19748 -- Letter of Support for Acton Academy

Dear Members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment:

I write to submit a letter of support for Acton Academy in BZA Case No. 19748.

I live around the corner from St. Paul's Parish and the small Montessori school proposed in this case. I have lived in Foggy Bottom for two and a half years and am a member of St. Paul's Parish.

I am an officer of the Vestry at St. Paul's and I strongly support the Acton Academy project. We believe it will be a beneficial to the Foggy Bottom neighborhood, and will attract and serve young families who currently lack school options nearby for their children.

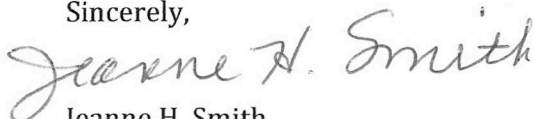
I attended the April 18 ANC Meeting to show my support for the Acton project. Given the small size of the school, I do not believe that this project will meaningfully add to noise or traffic in the neighborhood. We appreciate Acton's efforts to reach out to the neighbors and the community.

Finally, I understand that Barbara Kahlow and Sara Maddux have requested party status for the West End Citizens Association in opposition in this case, supposedly on behalf of the neighbors who live near St. Paul's Parish.

Ms. Kahlow and Ms. Maddux have not consulted with me in this case. To my knowledge, they have not consulted with any of the neighbors who live near St. Paul's. Ms. Kahlow raised concerns at the ANC Meeting; her concerns, however, were not reflected in the comments by the neighbors who live near St. Paul's. The ANC voted unanimously to approve the Acton project.

Thank you so much in advance for considering my letter of support for Acton in your decision.

Sincerely,



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