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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.

We live at the Columbia Plaza at 500 23rd St, NW nearby St. Paul's Parish and the small Montessori school proposed in this case. We have lived in Foggy Bottom for 10 years.

I am also a parent of a two-year-old daughter. We support the Acton Academy project at St. Paul's Parish because we believe it will be a beneficial to the Foggy Bottom neighborhood to serve families with young children, like ours. Families currently do not have good options nearby.

I attended the April 18 ANC Meeting to voice 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, purportedly 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 families with young children who live near St. Paul's.

Thanks in advance for considering my letter of support for Acton.

Sincerely,
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