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Board of Zoning Adjustment
of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210S
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RE: Support for BZA Case No. 20593
Blessed Sacrament - Recreational Playing Field Continued Use

Dear Board of Zoning Adjustment

I want to express my support of the recreational playing field for Blessed Sacrament's case # 20593. I am one of two neighbors that abut the field and we purchased this home in August 2017 with the clear awareness of the daily use by the school and the weekend use by those neighbors that surround the field. This knowledge of this was what led us to finalize the decision to purchase this home as we have 4 young children that attend Lafayette and Deal, DCPS Schools. This expanded space next to our home allow us to have a full and expansive experience for our children to utilize this space to have fun, and play on the field right next door to their own home as it creates community in this area of the Chevy Chase DC neighborhood. The life engagement of the children is not problematic for us as it does not impact our daily life. We expected the sound of school and children, we could not avoid the awareness of this and we welcome this. It has not impacted our lives in the 5 years of living in this home.

I also know that there is an opposing neighbor who would like to expressly ensure that the children have no access to the field on the weekend as well as put up an unfriendly looking perimeter fence surrounding the field that will not be sympathetic to the neighborhood, be unsightly and be unnecessary.

My husband, David McDermott, and I are long term residence of the District of Columbia and our 4 adopted children are Washingtonians born here in the district and we have chosen to have our family to be part of this rich community. The field and this neighborhood are the rich fabric that DC offers those that live here and we support the field for the use of the school during the days and for neighborhood access to designated neighbors' usage on the weekend.

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact me at 202-294-7434 or by email at ced33@georgetown.edu.

Be well,



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