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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing you today to express my family's strong support of the field at Blessed Sacrament Field on Chevy Chase Parkway NW.

We were part of the original neighbor group involved in the negotiations with the Parrish regarding the field. While we live on the opposite side of Quesada Street NW, we felt we would be impacted by a field and wanted to make sure it was a good fit for the space and neighborhood. We all agreed to support the field as long as the small set of neighborhood children would have access to that field after school and on weekends. That was the deal made and it has worked for the last 10 years.

This field has been a wonderful asset for the neighbors, and especially for all of our children. Having a school and church just a few doors down is hard on us as neighbors, but this field is the one place where there is synergy and connection between the residents of Quesada St NW and the church.

The field a safe place where our two sons can play football, soccer or just throw a frisbee with their neighbor-friends. For us parents, we can send them by themselves to the field giving them that little bit of independence they crave. To not allow our kids a safe and local place to play, a place they've played all of their lives, would be so sad and disappointing, especially now with Covid-19 shutting them out of so many places to play and connect with friends.

To change the terms of that access now would frankly be disappointing, especially when we worked so hard 10 years ago to accommodate everyone's concerns. Plus, having more fencing and security would negatively impact the beautiful play area that it is today.

Again, we wholeheartedly support Blessed Sacrament's use of their field, and would ask you to continue to grant the neighborhood children access to the field as stated in the original agreement. Anything less than that would diminish a community's relationship with the church at a time when connections are critically important, and needed more than ever.

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