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Cc: Rhoda Weeks-Brown
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Dear Mr. Frederick L. Hill, Chairman of the BZA,

My name is Lionel Brown and I am Co-Block Captain of the 5300 Block of 29th Street NW. We live at 5314 29th Street NW in Chevy Chase, DC. My wife, Rhoda Weeks-Brown, and I are also parents of two Maret high schoolers, who are unlikely to directly benefit from the proposed fields when completed given they are currently senior and sophomore respectively.

We are submitting this statement in strong support of Maret's proposed athletic fields on the ECC grounds given the school's well thought out plan that provides responsible use for not only its students and District children, but also empathetically addresses neighbors understandable concerns about noise, lighting and the environment. Throughout Maret's 110 years history in the District, the School has made being a great neighbor part of its ethos. Moreover, Maret has demonstrated strong commitment to the wider District community by generously opening its doors to needed students and allowing use of its facilities by a myriad of organizations for educational, sports and community purposes.

We believe Maret's long and storied roots in the District, stellar reputation for integrity and the ECC's desire to reopen its critical operations to special needs students make this partnership the best and most viable option for use of the space. It is not a matter of if but when this valuable space will be developed in a major city like the District of Columbia with severe real estate limitations. Developing the space with beautiful athletic fields that thoughtfully serve the needs of children, while adequately addressing neighbors concerns, is undoubtedly in the long term interest of our community and we have no doubt that Maret will keep its commitments.

Therefore, we unreservedly support Maret's proposal. Moreover, we respectfully urge you and the BZA to approve the project expeditiously so construction can commence.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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