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Subject: Comments In Support of BZA Application No. 20643 Maret Athletic Fields Project

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Dear Mr. Hill,

We are writing today to voice our ardent support for the proposed partnership between the Episcopal Center for Children (ECC) and Maret School, and to encourage your support for the upcoming field development project.

As lifetime residents of Ward 3 and parents of two current Maret students, we are intimately aware of the benefits this project would provide for both Maret students and the community at large. Maret, in its current location at 3000 Cathedral Ave, does not have adequate field space to execute its athletic program. The ECC fields would allow Maret to meet the needs of its student athletes—a core value of Maret's mission.

Additionally, Maret's commitment to sharing its field space with a limited number of youth sports organizations in DC would address the growing need for field space throughout the city. Maret prides itself on being a good neighbor and partner and is certain to balance the need for additional field space while being responsive and respectful of its ECC neighbors. Finally, Maret's lease of the ECC field space will allow ECC to continue providing much needed resources for the students they serve.

It is our great hope, as residents of Ward 3, that this project will move forward without delay. Serving the needs of Maret students, the ECC, and the community at large seems a worthy use of a space that may otherwise find itself developed into something more obtrusive.

Sincerely,

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