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To: Frederick L. Hill, BZA Chairman

Dear Mr. Hill,

I am writing to provide comments in support of the Maret School's application to the BZA (Number 20643) which will allow the school to lease, develop and support recreational space at the Episcopal Children's Center. We are strongly in support of this application. My husband, Richard Meltzer, and I have lived in Ward 3 at 3502 Runnymede Place NW since 1981 and we have raised four children in this neighborhood. All four of our children attended Lafayette Elementary School and I served as Lafayette Home and School President for several years. My children later attended Deal Junior High and Maret School for High School. I am now the grandmother of four children who live in this neighborhood and one is now enrolled at Lafayette and all of them will attend Lafayette Elementary School.

I have reviewed the site plans developed by Maret and shared with our community. I am enthusiastically supportive of the proposal because it will enhance the access to needed field space **for all of the children in our community** and **improve the community's quality of life**. The Episcopal Home space is not currently being used and is not benefitting the community. There are a shortage of fields both for use by schools and the general community.

Maret's site plans preserve environmental and neighborhood integrity. Maret's planners are aware of and the plans have been developed to mitigate the concerns of adjacent neighbors including concerns about possible additional traffic. I do not believe these concerns are warranted. I also know that Maret has always been a respectful neighbor in the Cleveland Park community and will be so in our neighborhood. They have indicated and demonstrated their willingness to work with the community to mitigate any real problems that have been identified in their plans or may emerge.

I believe that not approving this proposal will be a missed opportunity for our community and for all the children who live there. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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If you have any questions, I can be reached by email at Judith.meltzer@gmail.com or judy.meltzer@cssp.org

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