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Dear Chairman Hill:

I am writing to provide comments in support of the Maret School Athletic Fields Project. As a long-time DC resident, Maret parent, and volunteer coach for DC Soccer Club (formerly Stoddert), I believe that this project will provide substantial benefits not only to Maret students but also to the broader community.

The partnership will benefit both the Episcopal Center for Children (ECC), by providing funding to resume programming for their student population, and allow Maret to meet the needs of its student-athletes. In addition, Maret would like to make the field available to outside youth sports organizations. As someone who has coached rec soccer since about 2000, and attended many other DC sporting events for children, the prospect of adding another high quality, all-weather space for such activities, is something that will meaningfully benefit the City.

Maret has always been focused on being a good member of the community and a good neighbor. This is evidenced in how the school supports non-profit organizations (included Horizons Greater Washington) and its strong relationship with its current Woodley Park neighbors. Maret is in this for the long-run and will continue to work with the ECC neighbors in a professional and civic minded way.

In summary this project will benefit the children of the ECC, Maret, and children across DC.

Thank you

Sincerely,

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