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Frederick L. Hill, Chair BZA

Dear Mr. Hill,

I wanted to write separately to echo my husband, Lanning Moldauer's, **comments to support** the idea that the Maret School be allowed to use what has for some time been an unused large field that they need for athletics. If you've ever seen the Maret campus, you'll understand why.

If one is a nearby resident and objecting, it's the same old NIMBYism that revolves around pure self-interest.

Logical concerns include parking space, which WILL be available on the property. Noise levels are another logical concern, but those (maybe some clapping now and then) not going to disturb those living even quite nearby. We live near a very active elementary school, within a half-block of Lafayette. It's not a problem. It was when it was being renovated over a year a few years back, but in both cases we need to be doing a better job for our kids and that sometimes means short periods of transition and construction.

I've resided in DC for the largest part of my life. This is my home. I, like my husband, am an ex-Maret parent who feels, in this particular instance a need to become involved. I contribute no money to Maret nor am active in any committee there, but this is different, perhaps because my son played four years of varsity lacrosse and football there, a football team co-captain in his senior year. Please allow Maret's use of that land.

Thank you for taking my comments into account.

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