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Good morning Mr. Hill,

My name is Sarah Bowman, I live at 1801 Shepherd St NW, Washington, DC 20011 in Ward 4. My phone number is 202-468-2040 and my email is [sarahbvmd@gmail.com](mailto:sarahbvmd@gmail.com). I am writing to provide comments in **support** of the proposed Maret fields at the ECC.

As a Maret alum and now current parent to two students at Maret, I have lived and experienced the need for field space for our community and Maret students. Maret has been working for years to secure usable regulation field space for its students. Maret is an amazing school that supports all aspects of student life. It is an incredibly tight knit community and allows all students to be successful and have opportunities that they may not get in larger schools. It doesn't matter if you are top in your class or captain of the soccer team or editor of the yearbook or lead actor in the school play, you are given the same warmth and support from your schoolmates and teachers no matter the achievement. Having increased field space nearby that we can call our own is vital to continuing to foster the community spirit and allow everyone an opportunity for success and encouragement. Maret has always been a respectful neighbor to the residents around our campus in Woodley Park and also in Georgetown to those residents around Jelleff. field. Maret is considerate of neighborhood concerns and listens and adjusts plans with respect to those voices. Maret has been exceptional in providing and sharing field space at our fields to DPR, Horizons and other local sports clubs. Field space is so hard to find in our city, especially Ward 4, and getting kids outside to exercise and play team sports is vital to their health and well being. I urge you to approve the Maret and ECC partnership and allow these fields to be built. I know Maret and its students will be respectful neighbors and will help serve our community kids and keep the space green.

Thank you for listening and please feel free to reach out to me if you need any additional information.

Thanks,  
Sarah