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Dear Mr. Hill and members of the DC Board of Zoning Adjustment,

We are writing to express **our strong support of the Maret School's plan for fields at the Episcopal Center for Children.**

As residents of this neighborhood, watching the ECC campus decline and cease operations has been sad and worrying as we know there are so many children who need the services the school could provide.

Additionally, we were concerned about what would happen to the property.

The proposed Maret ECC partnership would be a huge benefit for both schools, the neighborhood, and the city.

Our children and our niece attended and graduated from Maret. The athletic fields proposed at ECC would meet Maret's long-term need for fields and meet the needs of its students. Maret is a terrific school and a wonderful member of the DC community. Maret has worked hard to develop long standing relationships with dozens of organizations in the District, including Horizons Greater Washington. **Maret has a proven record of giving back to the community and honoring its commitments.**

The use of part of the ECC campus as an athletic field will ensure that denser, more intensive uses such as senior living

facilities and housing developments will not be pursued for the duration of the Maret-ECC lease, and the grounds will remain

as open spaces rather than dense development. As residents of the neighborhood we very much appreciate this!

Sharing the proposed athletic fields at ECC with a limited number of youth sports organizations would address the

enormous need throughout the District for access to quality playing fields!address

The Maret-ECC partnership is a win, win, win, win. The Maret Plan benefits both schools, the neighborhood and the city.

It is our deeply held hope that the BZA will approve the Maret School plan.

Sincerely,
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