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Federick L. Hill  
Chairman  
DC Board of Zoning Adjustment

Dear Chairman Hill:

We are residents of Chevy Chase DC and are writing to provide comment in support of the Maret Athletic Fields at ECC project referenced in the Subject line above.

The project benefits Maret student athletes, ECC's mission, and other youth sports organizations who will have use of the fields. And it doesn't seem problematic in any reasonable sense for the neighbors and surrounding community (that's us), in particular relative to what alternative outcomes for that property might look like, potentially with denser, more intensive uses of the property.

Two of our kids went through the Maret sports program and in our experience (and as the record demonstrates) the school has been a mindful, responsive neighbor for its communities. In this case it already has run a discussion process resulting in significant adjustments and concessions on the project, which seems to us to be very community minded in concept in the first place.

In looking at the project we believe it does a good job of accounting for and minimizing environmental impacts, providing for parking and transportation solutions, providing attractive landscaping (to be maintained by Maret) which buffers neighbor views, eliminating any potential nuisance from lighting, and minimizing any potential noise issues. We're not sure what else the city could want from a project that aims at such beneficial outcomes especially in relation to potential alternatives.

In sum, we strongly support the Maret Athletic Fields at ECC project and urge the BZA to approve the application.

Best regards,

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