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Dear Sirs:

I am writing to support the Maret School Athletic Fields' Project ("Fields Project") submitted by the Episcopal Center for Children (ECC), which is currently being considered for approval by the Board of Zoning Adjustment. I have lived in the neighborhood near the ECC for many years. As you know, the ECC has served children with special needs for many years, but has not been able to fulfill its mission since 2019, due to serious financial difficulties. I believe the Fields Project would help ECC continue its mission of serving the educational needs of children and families with special needs. My daughter was a DC Special Needs student. Through her, we met students with special needs who went to the ECC, and saw first-hand the ECC's success serving this population. I am certain ECC will be able to continue to fulfill this mission, if the aforementioned Application is approved.

I am also impressed with the Maret School's commitment to racial reckoning. Moreover, I understand that Maret is committed to limiting the possible negative impacts of the Fields Project by limiting on-street parking, preserving heritage trees, adding greenery/screening, and will improve stormwater management, which will benefit the neighborhood and nearby Rock Creek Park.

In short, the Fields Project represents a positive change to the way the fields on ECC's property would be used, benefit the neighborhood, and benefit the entire District.

As such I support this project.

Sincerely yours,

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