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Dear Chairman Hill,

I am writing to submit a statement of support for the Maret School athletic field as a long-time resident of the Chevy Chase DC neighborhood. My name is Tim McCaughan and I have lived at 6412 31st Place, only a few blocks from the ECC, for 20 years. My family have been whole-hearted members of the community since the first day we moved in.

I am fully behind this plan for multiple reasons. First and foremost, the EEC deserves to be allowed to fund its mission to provide much needed help to the children it serves.

Additionally, as I'm sure you're aware, there is a dearth of fields in our neighborhood --requiring Chevy Chase DC residents to use fields in other DC communities for our children's sports activities. Maret's plan to share the facility is welcome and this use would reflect the neighborhood's commitment to the city.

Maret has also always been a welcoming and generous member of the DC community. I noticed this when just a soccer dad watching a rec league game on their Woodley campus back field and I see it every day now as a Maret parent.

Finally, this has been an unused field for many years. I have often walked my dog by and noted the "no trespassing signs." The ECC has every right to pursue the field's private development. There is no other option that would benefit our neighborhood in as positive and as inclusive a manner as the Maret School Athletic Field plan will.

Respectfully,  
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