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RE: Support for BZA Case No. 21378 – 2420 Rhode Island Ave NE

Chairperson and Members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment,

We are writing to express our support for BZA Case No. 21378, concerning the application to establish a Child Development Center at 2420 Rhode Island Avenue NE who seeks parking and change of use relief.

We serve as Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners for the Single Member Districts that include and surround the subject property. Based on our review of the record and our familiarity with the neighborhood, we support the proposed use and believe it will provide a meaningful benefit to the community.

The property has a longstanding history as a childcare facility, and the proposed Child Development Center continues that use. Access to quality early childhood education and care is a critical need for families in our area, and the reactivation of this site for that purpose is consistent with the character and needs of the surrounding community.

The proposal is unlikely to result in adverse neighborhood impacts that cannot be appropriately managed. The project is compatible with nearby residential uses and advances an important community-serving function.

Thank you for considering this application.

Respectfully,

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