

January 28, 2018

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Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW
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Washington, DC 20001

Re: Comments on Zoning Commission Case No. 17-20.

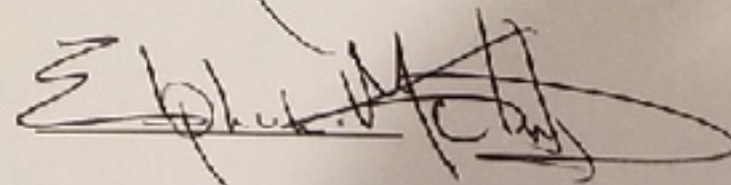
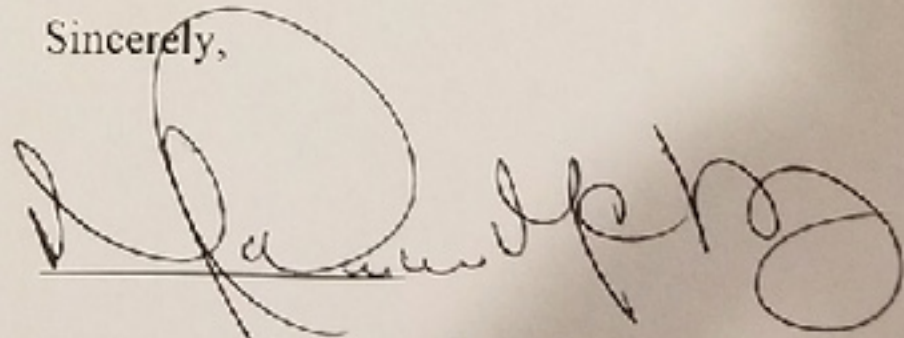
Dear Members of the Commission:

We are writing in support of the proposed text amendment as currently proposed in Zoning Commission Case No. 17-20. We are the tenants of a property located on North Capital Street, in which we are attempting to gain approval for a Child Development Center with more than twenty-five (25) children. Under the 1958 Zoning Regulations, this proposed use was permitted as a matter-of-right, with no limit on the number of children served.

Under the 2016 Zoning Regulations, the unlimited matter-of-right use is *still* permitted, pursuant to Section U-502.1(d), as referenced back through Sections U-512.1(a) and U-510.1(a). That matter-of-right language corresponds to the permissions granted under the 1958 Zoning Regulations. However, in addition to those sections, the 2016 Zoning Regulations also included a *new* section, listing the permitted use as being limited to twenty-five (25) children. As a result, CDC use is listed as being permitted both as an unlimited use and as a limited use.

Unfortunately, this ambiguity has caused the Zoning Administrator to withhold his approval for our proposal, causing a delay of four months and counting. We therefore respectfully request that the Zoning Commission delay no further in correcting this apparent error from the 2016 ZRR, and restore the permissions for Child Development Centers back to what they were for so many years under the 1958 Zoning Regulations.

Sincerely,



Makeda & Elphorde McKnight
A Step Above Child Development Center
Date: January 28, 2018