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Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 1:02 PM
To: DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)
Subject: Letter in Support of BZA 17-20

Dear Members of the Commission:

I am writing in support of the proposed text amendment known as Zoning Commission Case No. 17-20. I am a parent of a young child in DC and have had firsthand experience with the difficulty of finding convenient, quality, and affordable childcare in the city.

My daughter attends Petit Scholars on Rhode Island Avenue, so I am familiar with the negative impact that zoning restrictions can have on childcare supply. Due to the change in zoning requirements in 2017, our daycare was delayed in opening and we had to drive across the neighborhood to transport her to another campus, adding unnecessary car traffic in a congested area. We were lucky to be able to send her to another campus, and many parents did not have that option and had to struggle to find alternate child care or take time off of work while waiting for Petit Scholars to be granted their zoning exemption. These challenges have a ripple effect to local businesses and workplaces that employ the affected parents.

I therefore urge the Commission to expeditiously approve the proposed corrections and reinstate the permitted use for childcare centers.

Sincerely,

Kelly Bell
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