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Subject: Re: Support for Zoning Commission Case No. 17-20

Zoning Commission
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Dear Members of the Commission

I am writing in support of the proposed text amendment known as Zoning Commission Case No. 17-20. As a parent of a young daughter in DC, I have had firsthand experience with the difficulty of finding convenient, quality, and affordable childcare. I have been very fortunate to have found a wonderful spot, but I know many others are using nannies or traveling long distances to their daycares. Many people cannot change daycares if they are unhappy. I myself joined a waitlist for my daughter closer to home when she was born and have not been offered a place in over a year.

Zoning restrictions have a huge effect on childcare centers and the working parents that rely on them. These difficulties have a ripple effect to local businesses and workplaces that employ the affected parents. With the new Walter Reed development coming up soon very close to us, we hope that new daycares may open in the neighborhood to serve new families coming to the area. I very much hope that our excellent daycare can expand to additional premises nearer to us.

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

Sincerely,

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