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RE: Support for BZA Application No. 20472: The River School

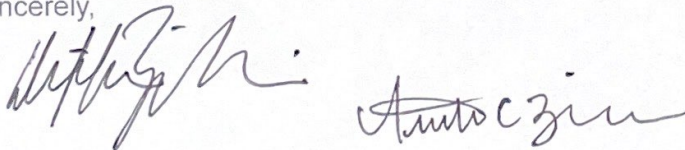
Dear BZA Members:

We are writing in support of The River School's zoning application for 4220 Nebraska Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20016.

We have been members of The River School community since 2013. We first learned about The River School shortly after our son was diagnosed with hearing loss when it was recommended to us by Kennedy Krieger Institute and The Johns Hopkins Cochlear Implant Center. Our first interaction with The River School was through their parent-infant group hosted for children with hearing loss and open to anyone in the community. Our son continued with The River School from preschool to 3rd grade. Our younger son who has normal hearing is a current student at The River School and has also attended since preschool. River's unique teaching model and emphasis on language and literacy have benefited both our children. As a family receiving financial assistance, we are grateful for the equity and access to learning that River has provided our children.

The River School is a world-class institution with an inclusive environment for all children with and without hearing loss and is a lifeline to parents navigating a hearing loss diagnosis. We fully support BZA Application No. 20472 for The River School so they can continue to serve and provide more opportunities for children across the greater DC region.

Sincerely,

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