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To the members of the Office of Zoning Administration and Montgomery Planning Department:

I am writing this letter in support of the expansion of the daycare facility operated by Sadia Naeem at 7404 New Hampshire Ave in Takoma Park. Our 1.5-year-old daughter has been attending her daycare for 5 months. Prior to that, she attended a large corporate daycare center that did not fit our needs. In moving her to Sadia's daycare, we found a home-based daycare that provides a family feel- an environment much better suited for our daughter. We felt very fortunate to have secured a spot here after finding that most daycares in the area have very long waitlists.

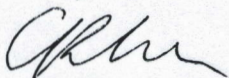
Expanding the daycare for up to 20 children will help to provide quality childcare for families in the area who have not been able to secure openings for their children. When we started our search for childcare, we hoped to find a home-based daycare but found there are very few in the downtown Silver Spring/Takoma Park area. Expanding this daycare will help meet demand, which I know exists from speaking to many parents about their struggles in finding good childcare.

Further, Sadia and her assistant Fatiha are excellent with the children. Our daughter had a very hard time at her previous daycare but adjusted quickly to Sadia's daycare. She is so happy to go each day and she is thriving. A parent can sense when their child feels loved and secure, and I can honestly say that I see that every day at Sadia's. Moving her to Sadia's has reduced our stress immensely.

I respectfully request that the Office of Zoning Administration approves the expansion plan of Sadia's daycare. The availability of reliable, quality childcare in the area is a necessity for residents of the area. Working parents should not have to stress and worry about their children while they are trying to be productive members of our community.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



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Exhibit 16(a)
OZAH Case No: CU 24-12