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Subject: Advocacy for the Expansion of FutureStar Child Care LLC

Dear Members of the Office of Zoning Administration and Montgomery Planning Department,

I am a resident of Takoma Park and a parent who has greatly benefited from the services of FutureStar Child Care LLC, operated by Sadia Naeem. I write to you today to express my strong support for their proposed facility expansion. This daycare has been a pillar in our community, offering exceptional childcare. The simple fact of the matter is there are not enough quality daycare facilities available in the area. For Parents looking to put their children in daycare, the process is stressful, at times frustrating, and ultimately very expensive. We need more space dedicated to daycare facilities. The more opportunity for parents to avoid waitlists, increased costs, and challenging uncertainty, the better. This proposed expansion and intensification of use is greatly needed.

Given the current zoning designation, the FutureStars property can be allowed up to 30 children with a Conditional Use Permit. From my understanding of the code, the primary condition will be to provide ample parking for the requisite number of employees. There are currently three properties on the block and the street frontage. The largest being the Methodist church. There is more than ample space along the street. In addition, there is unrestricted parking in the neighborhood to the rear. Having driven through the neighborhood everyday for almost three years, I can tell you it is also ample. Parking should not be an issue. The church only uses the street parking once a week for services, and once a week for a food drive benefit, but the space can easily be shared with future employees of FutreStars, as well as the capacity in the adjacent neighborhood.

Traffic flow for drop-off and pickup may also be a consideration. Again, there is little to no traffic on the street in the morning and afternoon daily. Yes, clearly more children will introduce more cars, but currently at drop-off and pickup times, there is no additional traffic of any significance to the site.

The benefits far outweigh the potential costs for this project.. I respectfully urge your favorable consideration for this proposal.

Sincerely,

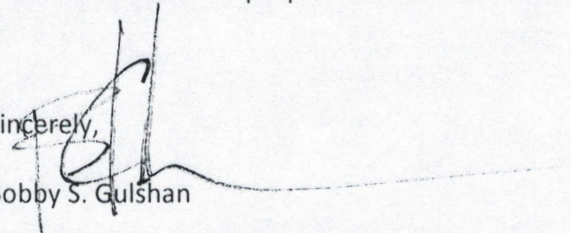
  
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