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## OFFICE OF ZONING AND ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

Dear Esteemed Member of the Office of Zoning Administration and Montgomery Planning Department,

We are writing to express our enthusiastic support for the proposed expansion of the daycare facility operated by Sadia Naeem at 7404 New Hampshire Ave in Takoma Park, MD. Our child has benefited greatly from her exceptional care. We believe Sadia's commitment to providing a safe, nurturing, and educational environment is commendable and a huge asset to working parents in this area.

Our son, Wesley, enrolled in Sadia's daycare in September 2023 and is thriving in the learning environment provided. He is excited every morning to spend the day in the comfortable playroom and, when the weather is nice, the playground in the backyard. He shows us what he learned that day when we pick him up and get his daily report on his daycare activities. It puts us at ease to know Wesley is in good hands while we are at work. We are grateful for Sadia's ongoing support, reliability, and excellent communication.

The demand for quality childcare services in this area is severe. Sadia's dedication to meeting this demand is evident in the outstanding care she and her team provide. Expanding the size of this daycare will not only enhance the experience of children currently enrolled but also offer more parents the opportunity to access the excellent services offered. Exhibit 16(h)

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Further, an expansion would create new employment opportunities for qualified caregivers and allow more parents to feel at ease while they are at their workplace. We are confident that the expansion of Sadia's daycare will meet the growing needs of the community and contribute to the overall well-being and development of more children.

In closing, we respectfully request that the Office of Zoning Administration approves the expansion plan of Sadia's daycare. Her passion for early childhood education and the positive impact she and her staff have had on Wesley — and his classmates — and we offer our full support of this development and know it will have a positive ripple effect throughout in our communities.

Sincerely,

Josh & Sarah Shields