Montgomery County Council 100 Maryland Avenue Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for the continued funding of Club Adventure, an essential afterschool childcare program serving elementary school children in Montgomery County. As a working parent of young children, I urge the Council to prioritize the sustainability of this invaluable program.

Club Adventure provides a safe, engaging, and enriching environment for children after school, offering working families the peace of mind that their children are in a structured and supportive setting. With its commitment to social development and recreational activities, the program fosters both educational and emotional growth in young students.

For many families in our community, reliable and affordable afterschool childcare is not a luxury but a necessity. Parents rely on programs like Club Adventure to bridge the gap between school dismissal and the end of the workday. Without affordable and accessible afterschool options, many families would face significant challenges in balancing work and caregiving responsibilities. The loss of such a program would disproportionately impact the neediest families in our community.

I urge the Council to recognize the critical role that Club Adventure plays in our community and to ensure that it continues to receive the necessary funding to operate and expand its reach. Supporting this program means supporting Montgomery County families, fostering child development, and strengthening our community as a whole.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Marciela De Grace