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Lynn Robeson Hannan, Hearing Examiner
Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue, Room 200
Rockville, MD 20850

Re: Support for Holton-Arms School Special Exception Major Modification –
Case No. CBA-1174-E

Dear Ms. Robeson Hannan,

We are writing to express our strong support for Holton-Arms School's current major modification application. As homeowners who have lived directly adjacent to the school's campus on River Road for the past 33 years, we have a unique and longstanding perspective on what it means to be neighbors with this institution. We can say without hesitation that Holton-Arms has been an exemplary neighbor throughout our more than three decades of residence here.

Far from being a nuisance, we genuinely enjoy living next to the school. We love sitting in our backyard listening to the sounds of games being played on the turf field - the cheers, the energy, the joy of young people engaging in athletics. These are the sounds of a vibrant, healthy community, not disruptions to our quality of life. We even collect the soccer and lacrosse balls that occasionally make their way into our yard, and we look forward to a fun activity in the spring where students will estimate how many balls we've accumulated before we return them to the school. This

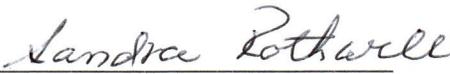
small interaction represents the positive, neighborly relationship we have always enjoyed with Holton-Arms.

We have been continually impressed by the school's commitment to being good stewards of the neighborhood. The security team is professional, courteous, and genuinely helpful—on one occasion when Sandra accidentally got caught in the carpool line, they immediately recognized the situation and graciously stopped traffic to help her turn around. Their presence makes us feel safer. Additionally, Holton-Arms has been generous with maintenance assistance over the years, including snow plowing services that benefit our property as well as theirs. These are the actions of an institution that cares about its neighbors and takes its community responsibilities seriously.

We are frankly puzzled by the opposition this application has received from a small number of residents. Our experience as the school's closest neighbors has been overwhelmingly positive for over three decades. We wholeheartedly support Holton-Arms School's application and encourage the County to approve it.

Sincerely,

 2/13/2026
Charles Rothwell

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