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Montgomery County, Maryland  
100 Maryland Avenue, Room 200  
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**Re: SUPPORT for Special Exception Application of Holton-Arms  
School, Case No. CBA-1174-E**

To the Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings:

We are writing to express our support for Holton-Arms School's special exception modification request and to share our family's positive experience with the school's bus transportation system.

Our daughter Maggie is currently in fifth grade and has been riding the Holton bus for the past two years. We live near Sibley Hospital in the Palisades, and the bus stop we use is just a few minutes from our home. The convenience of this system has been incredibly important for our family. As working parents, the ability for Maggie to take the bus means she can attend Holton without requiring one of us to drive to campus every day. The morning pickup, which departs around 7:15 a.m., allows us to drop her off quickly and return home to continue getting our other children ready for school before starting our workday.

The bus route itself is efficient and reliable. With only a few stops including near McArthur Boulevard and Glen Echo, the ride to campus typically takes about twenty minutes. Having a dependable transportation option so close to home makes Holton a practical choice for families like ours.

Another aspect we value is the sense of community the bus creates. On an average day there are about 10 to 15 girls riding Maggie's route, and over time they have developed friendships across different grades and neighborhoods. The bus has become its own small community, giving the girls time to talk and get to know each other outside the classroom. It has also allowed us as parents to connect with other families at the bus stop during pickup and drop-off.

Overall, the bus system has worked extremely well for our family and has made attending Holton both convenient and manageable. For working parents, having reliable transportation like this is an important factor in making schools like Holton accessible.

For these reasons, we strongly support Holton-Arms School's special exception modification request to increase enrollment and can attest to the transportation plan that encourages ridership on their bus service.

Sincerely,

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**Alex Curlet**

**Catherine Curlet**