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Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings
100 Maryland Avenue, Room 200
Rockville, MD 20850

Re: Case No.CBA-1174-E Holton Arms Inc.

Dear Hearing Examiners:

We are writing to voice our strong support for the referenced amendment to the special exception requested by the Holton-Arms School. As neighbors of the school for more than 25 years, we have great respect for the way the school operates and for the values, leadership, and opportunities it imparts to young women. Holton has always been a responsible community institution, maintaining a lovely campus, investing in its facilities, and exerting a beneficial presence in our neighborhood.

The amendment under consideration represents a vital and critically needed component of Holton's plan for a thriving future serving generations of students to come. By providing for a small increase in enrollment and the flexibility to rent facilities to carefully vetted organizations, the amendment has the dual benefit of allowing more young women to access an exceptional education and also enhancing Holton's relationship with the broader community. The advantages that will accrue greatly outweigh any perceived drawbacks of increased activity.

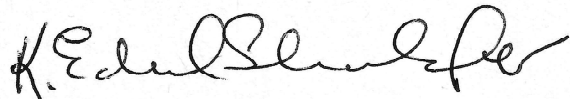
We strongly believe that a school such as Holton is an important asset to our neighborhood and to Montgomery County. Our view is that there will be increased opportunities for open engagement with the school and access to its facilities -- something that can only benefit the school and its neighbors. Therefore, we respectfully request that you approve the proposed amendment.

Thank you for your consideration and prompt action.

Sincerely,



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