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Dear Commissioner Mallozzi:

I am the President of the Country Glen Homeowners' Association in Cooper City. I am seeking the Cooper City Commission's support in requesting that the Broward County School Board give Country Glen children school choice for Pioneer Middle School, thereby enabling our neighborhood's children to complete their educational loop in Cooper City schools.

Country Glen is a small community of 300 homes and is the only neighborhood in the entire City of Cooper City that is not located in District 6. Rather, Country Glen is located in District 2, and our children are zoned for Hawkes Bluff Elementary in Davie, Silver Trail Middle in Pembroke Pines, and West Broward High in Pembroke Pines.

All neighborhoods in Cooper City other than Country Glen are zoned for one of three elementary schools (Cooper City Elementary, Embassy Creek Elementary, or Griffin Elementary), one middle school (Pioneer Middle), and one high school (Cooper City High). Due to under enrollment at Griffin Elementary, a small number of children who reside in Country Glen have chosen to attend Griffin Elementary, which is only 1 mile from Country Glen. Moreover, in order to alleviate overcrowding at other area high schools, Broward Schools allows children who reside in Country Glen to attend Cooper City High School. Currently, children who reside in Country Glen are unable to complete their educational loop at Cooper City schools because Pioneer Middle School does not normally open for school choice.

Cooper City is known for its great schools and its strong sense of community. This strong sense of community is reenforced in all of Cooper City's schools, with frequent visits by community leaders, local law enforcement and fire fighters, and participation in numerous Cooper City events. Currently, there are children who live in Country Glen who will not be able to continue to have those opportunities to participate in or enjoy their own community because they must exit the community's schools for the three years of middle school.

Though we understand that geography is not a deciding factor in zoning or school choice, it is worth noting that Pioneer Middle is approximately 4 miles from Country Glen and Silver Trail Middle in

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Pembroke Pines (our zoned middle school) is more than 7 miles from Country Glen. We want to be clear though: we are not seeking rezoning and we are not asking for transportation.

Country Glen parents want to give their children the opportunity to complete their educational loop in Cooper City, the community where we live. For that to happen, we must have the choice of sending our children to Pioneer Middle.

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this matter further with you and to discuss what we can do to make this happen for Country Glen families.

With warm regards,

Gennifer Gross

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President, Country Glen Homeowners' Association