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Dear Ms. Mitten,

I would like to testify in support of GW's proposed Foggy Bottom Campus plan (Cases #06-11 and 06-12). What I would like to highlight about this plan is both the current student population and the Foggy Bottom/West End community involvement in its development.

GW has included in this plan 25 conditions which maintain all conditions previously set in the existing Campus plan as well additional ones. These include eliminating undergraduate student housing in off-campus facilities and a commitment not to buy land residentially-zoned for non-investment purposes. These conditions do two things: one, it responds to issues raised by the community and two, helps develop a further sense of community on GW's campus as all students will reside in the campus' formalized borders.

The plan calls for preservation of open spaces and important campus historic campus. An example of this is the addition of open public space into the Square 54 plan.

GW has held numerous information sessions to educate both the student body and the community at large about the 2006-2025 Campus Plan. In the Spring of '06, GW conducted very well received "dorm storms," sending administration officials into GW Residence Halls in order to educate the student population on its plan. The university also held a series of open community meetings to identify issues and gather suggestions for the campus plan. There was also the three-day Urban Land Institute Panel for community members to give suggestions for the specific development of Square 54.

As GW is a member of the Foggy Bottom community, it must maintain a working relationship with the other members of that community. I believe GW has done that. This plan and future ones like it must not be seen as GW versus Foggy Bottom residents but GW working with Foggy Bottom residents to contribute to the community as a whole while continuing to maintain GW status as a world-class institution.

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