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Carol Mitten, Chairman
Zoning Commission
441 4th Street N.W., Suite 200 South
Washington, DC 20001

RE: GW Campus Plan – Cases #06-11, #06-12

Dear Ms. Mitten:

I have had my offices in Foggy Bottom for over 16 years and also live in Northwest Washington. Many of my colleagues and I regard G.W. University as one of the city's greatest contributors economically, culturally and in adding to the vitality of the town and the Foggy Bottom neighborhood.

The Hall on Virginia Avenue is directly across the street from our office and we have never once experienced any unpleasant or objectionable conduct. The moderate foot traffic of students provides a sense of "life on the street" and makes our staff feel more safe and secure walking to the Metro.

Our "Mayor elect" campaigned on a promise to make D.C. a "World Class City." GWU is a world renowned institution and a real "city school." It is not located in the some rural township where its presence intrudes upon the small town character of the place or the quiet of its neighbors. It is bounded on three sides by office building housing, doctors, unions, lobbyists and law firms, the World Bank, the Department of State, and other government and private organizations, restaurants, hotels, the Kennedy Center, and nearby national monuments. Commuter traffic from major highways and bridges – not the university – use the streets. Yet, it is the University which is the target of vitriolic and unceasing animosity from a small number of area residents whose decibel level is disproportionate to their numbers.

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George Washington is a responsible institution which contributes substantially to the city and the nation. It is a huge employer and deserves the support of our government and cooperation of regulators.

No university can prosper if it cannot provide adequate physical facilities for learning, research, housing and other activities.

The Campus Plan now proposed is very conservative and modest. It should be approved with no further restrictions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward R. Levin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "L".

Edward R. Levin

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