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D.C. Zoning Commission  
Suite 210  
441 4th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: **Opposition** to Georgetown University Campus Plan 2010-2020, Case No. 10-32

Dear Zoning Commissioners:

My name is Denise Cunningham. I am the immediate past president of the Citizens Association of Georgetown, lived in the West Village for 10 years and wish to express my fervent opposition to Georgetown University's 2010 Campus Plan.

I am extremely disheartened and greatly saddened by the continuing demise of the neighborhood near Georgetown University and the resulting diminished quality of life for its residents. When my husband and I moved into 1423 36<sup>th</sup> Street in September 2000, it was very different than it is today. While, of course, we had our share of annoyances and even occasional student behavior that sometimes bordered on the criminal, we loved our home, our life there and were fond of most of our student neighbors.

Today, I would not live in West Georgetown for anything in the world. The ramped up misconception of privilege and entitlement exhibited by a growing number of GU students has led to unconscionable behavior that has destroyed the life we all loved.

In tandem with the increasing behavior issues, the University has continually burdened the neighborhood additionally with their interpretation of what they consider "on campus" housing and by increasing enrollment in graduate studies so dramatically that resident parking is virtually non-existent.

I lay the responsibility directly at the feet of the University leadership at its highest levels. Community leaders and residents have literally spent years meeting regularly with the top tier of University administrators in very candid discussions attempting to solve these problems civilly. Ultimately, it was all for naught. The University is blatantly unwilling to institute the necessary sanctions and actions to correct this egregious onslaught on the neighborhood.

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I urge The Zoning Commission to assist the residents of Georgetown restore their quality of life by requiring the University to modify its Campus Plan and to minimize the University's objectionable impacts on the community. In particular I urge the Commission to require the University to:

- Provide more student housing on the traditional campus
- Readopt its former goal of housing 100% of its undergraduates on campus
- Link undergraduate and graduate enrollment levels to University housing availability
- Strengthen sanctions to reduce disorderly student behavior off campus and ensure they are applied
- Reduce student traffic and parking demands on the neighborhood

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denise R. Cunningham", with a stylized, flowing script.

Denise R. Cunningham