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Dear Mr. Hood,

I hope this note finds you well. My name is Lesli Mangeri and I have been a resident of the District since 1968. I live in Burleith, Ward 2, since 1980. The reason for my writing is to let you know that we need your support. As you are probably aware, our neighborhood is victimized by a very large Georgetown University student population. These students are forced to live in our neighborhood due to the University's inability to house all of it's undergraduate students. Most recently, Georgetown is petitioning for the right to increase it's student population by nearly 3000 students but not provide for their housing. This will cause an increased surge of students living our neighborhood. I am writing to you to ask that you veto this petition. Here's my thinking on why you should veto:

We are a neighborhood that pays a considerable amount of taxes based on property values. And I feel that students detract from my quality of life. Students are nocturnal. Students party at night creating excessive noise which causes our residents to call 911. As an aside, our Citizens Association has a record of these calls so that you can see the direct cost this has to the city. Also, students drink to excess and walk around the streets of Burleith, singing, screaming, vomiting, urinating and dropping their beer bottles and trash as they walk. On Thursday through Saturday nights between 11:00pm and 4:00am the University provides a drunk bus which encourages students to congregate on the corners around Burleith for pick up for the students' safety from themselves lest they be too drunk to find their way back to their residences. This occurs every weekend, every month, every semester, every year...for 31 years now. I am tired.

So after being kept awake by this ridiculous behavior all night, I am forced to pick up all the garbage and trash left on my property in the morning. Infuriating.

Please let me be clear, I am sure you will agree that students have the right to be students and act irresponsibly as their "rite of passage." College provides the venue for that behavior. Thus, students should live on the college campus, not the surrounding neighborhood. They are not good neighbors and I resent having to witness and suffer their college experience.

I work very hard to pay my taxes and need my rest at night and on the weekends. This can hardly be an unreasonable request. Yet, I am "blue in the face" by the enduring battle of milk toast ,empty GU apologies that amount to less than a hill of beans.

Once, at 3:45 am early one Sunday morning, my front door window had been broken by a GU student

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so drunk that he thought he was at his house but did not have his key. Very frightening! He broke the window to climb into the living room. The police arrested him and I pressed charges for destruction of personal property.

Let me share some current transgressions. Late Friday night, May 6th, 2011, in the house diagonally across from mine, there was an armed robbery that took place. The alleged incident was about an unpaid illegal drug bill and the folks wanted their money. So they broke the door down as they were armed with guns, tied up the students and robbed them...taking their laptops and other electronics. The students were also beaten badly by the robbers. This is dangerous behavior, not only for the students, but for the neighbors who could have been accidentally injured. There are at least 6 undergraduate students that reside in this house at 3551 S Street NW. I would venture to say that if these people were living in the dormitory, where they belong, perhaps this incident would have been avoided.

Let me implore you to consider requesting that the University provide housing for its undergraduate students and move them all back to campus. And, please veto the university's request to increase their student population by 3000 without adding the necessary housing facilities...either on the main campus or on satellite campuses. I feel confident that you understand the negative effect this increase will have and that you will do the right thing for your constituents here in Burleigh.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this request.

Best regards,

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