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DC Zoning Commission
441 - 4th Street, NW
Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Support for Georgetown University's Campus Plan

Dear Zoning Commission:

I am writing as an 8 year resident of Burleith in support of the campus plan filed by Georgetown University. Although we moved as of last November and pay taxes in Ward 3, we are still very attached to our former neighborhood. Georgetown University is a positive aspect of living in Burleith, and it was wonderful having such an outstanding institution so close that we could see it from our front door. It made living in that part of Washington unique and enjoyable. We took advantage of some of the lectures and enjoyed cutting through the beautiful and historic campus on walks. I also understand that some of my neighbors used the fitness center. Georgetown has also been proactive in taking care of issues related to the students being loud or having conduct problems, and we enjoyed living and raising our daughter in such a young and vibrant neighborhood.

Over the past several years we have become aware of Georgetown University campus plans through our neighborhood association. Our neighbors had various opinions about the plans, and we saw Georgetown University made special and continuous efforts to engage us and our neighbors in a meaningful way and to really listen and make compromises.

Although some of our neighbors have been vocal about their opinion, their opinion it is not shared by all. The Office of Planning's recommendations would be harmful to Georgetown, they are not reasonable, and they go too far. The recommendations would impact the university in a very negative way. To pay for the construction, they would probably need to eliminate jobs. The university would have to reduce current enrollment and that would result in the university not being able to use the income to offset the expense of the construction. We fear that the benefits that we enjoyed by living in a "college town within a city" would likely go away, as it would not be financially viable for the university to offer those programs to the local community any longer.

Georgetown has been a good neighbor to us and we are very supportive of its plan as submitted. We believe that they have already made reasonable concessions and have proposed a win-win. Please vote in favor of the Georgetown University plan as it is submitted.

Sincerely,

Jason and Charlotte Owen



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District of Columbia

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10-32

EXHIBIT NO.

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