

My name is Ann vom Eigen and I reside at 1611 35th St. NW, where I have lived for over twenty years. I have lived in and paid taxes in Washington DC since 1976, my entire professional career. I am testifying because I have recently had several unfortunate encounters with Georgetown University students. Thank you for holding this hearing in the evening when I can attend and testify without taking annual leave.

This written statement extends and revises the 3 minute remarks I made on June 2, 2011. I am highlighting below two incidents which rose to the level of police reports, and which are indicative of the type of problem that residents of the neighborhoods around Georgetown University have encountered recently and are attributable to the volume of young, unsupervised students who are in our community.

On December 10, 2009, I was awakened in the middle of the night by banging on our front door, which was followed by the sound of loud yelling. A person claiming to be a U.S. Marshall screamed into the intercom doorbell system that I should open the door. I asked if the individual screaming at my door had a warrant. Rather than indicate that he did, he yelled that he was coming in, and started to throw his weight against the front door. Luckily, my son had called the police on his cell phone, and the police arrived. They took the man, who I later learned was a Georgetown student, away. I subsequently learned from the police when I tried to get the police report number that they actually took the student home, since they knew where he lived because they had picked him up before in a drunken haze. They simply dropped him at home because he was a drunken kid. The police brought the student around to the house the next night to apologize, and when we threatened to prosecute the incident, which is a felony, we subsequently received a note from the student indicating that he was withdrawing from school and seeking medical help. You can reference this incident in police report CCN #097339.

On July 10, 2010 I heard banging on the door and my husband and then someone else yelling. Yet again, we had a drunken Georgetown student try and break into our house. In this incident, the student broke the lock and glass panel in our front door, and pulled a wrought iron safety railing completely out of the front wall of our house and threw it down a set of stairs. My son had yet again

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called the police, who luckily arrived during the middle of this attack on our house, and my family. In this instance, the police arrested the student who had managed to cause close to \$1,000.00 worth of damage. My husband notified the university. We filed Complaint # 97739; the student was arrested, prosecuted, and given a year's probation and community service. The student paid for the repairs to our house. Clearly, his payment does not account for the time I spent arranging, and my husband, who billed by the hour, managing, these workmen. We subsequently received an e-mail from the university indicating that we had been fully compensated for the damage. I believe that unfortunately, this typifies the university's attitude. Monetary compensation for significant property damage does not account for the fear associated with midnight attacks on our house by drunken Georgetown students.

We no longer leave our front porch light on, a safety measure recommended by a community service officer many years ago. This means that I can't leave the front porch light on for my own children trying to enter the house in the evenings, which I consider a basic safety measure and an essential prerequisite of getting the key into the door.

I believe these two incidents illustrate the type of situation that occurs in Georgetown when we have a number of undergraduates who live off campus and believe they are to quote a Georgetown elected student official, living in a community where the community does not "engage with the students."

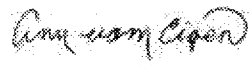
As I indicated, I have lived in my current house for over twenty years and in Georgetown for thirty years. It is a residential neighborhood, not a dormitory. Because, as these two incidents indicate, the University students have become so unruly, I believe that Georgetown should:

- 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 demonstrate that sanctions get applied;

- Reduce student traffic and parking demand on our neighborhood.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

As required, I have provided below an electronic signature on this testimony, as well as a date, to meet filing requirements.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann-Isabel Lopez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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