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The Honorable Anthony Hood, Chairman
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, N.W., Room 220 South
Washington, D.C. 20001

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

Dear Chairman Hood:

In the fall of 1952 when I was in 8th grade, my family bought the home that I now own in the heart of Foxhall Village on the corner of Surrey Lane and Greenwich Parkway. As youngsters, my friends and I often played in Glover-Archbold Park, sled down the hills with every snowfall, had picnics and followed the trails. In the mid 1980s I took my young nephew on similar walks and picnics. And since we moved back to Foxhall Village in 2002, I frequently take my dog for walks in this same park.

What a treasure it is to have a National Park one short block from my home – a respite from the traffic and noise on Reservoir Road and along Canal Road. All the benefits of a National Park, including wild life, will be lost if Georgetown University's proposed "loop road" is approved. It's bad enough now just having them use the "service road" – the slope has caved in twice, runoff is not contained, debris is strewn.

Neither the park visitors nor the residents in Foxhall Village, especially those who live along 44th Street, should be subjected to the noise, exhaust and pollution of 233 buses, in addition to service and construction vehicles, which would run daily on an unstable road along the edge of a very narrow National Park. Surely there are other options available to the University, such as Councilwoman Mary Cheh proposed – have the buses turn around in front of the Lombardi Cancer Center.

These other options would be less expensive, have less environmental impact, and better serve the campus community.

I am totally opposed to Georgetown University's proposed "loop road" and urge you and the Zoning Board Commissioners to not approve this portion of their campus plan.

Sincerely,



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EXHIBIT NO. 278