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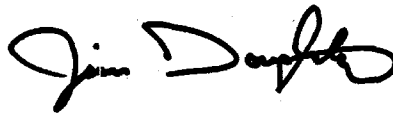
Dear Chairman Hood:

The Sierra Club has grave concerns regarding Georgetown University's proposal to create a loop road along the western edge of the campus on a steep slope overlooking Glover Archbold Park. Such a structure would irrevocably alter the character of treasured green space -- federal parkland that belongs to all of us.

The steep slope has collapsed twice since 2007, requiring energetic action and requiring a large retaining wall to prevent further damage. Additional construction will require removing mature trees and convert a wooded area to hardscape, increasing storm water runoff and creating the need for more structures.

Surely there are options that would be less environmentally damaging and less expensive—and make sense from a transportation standpoint.

Sincerely,



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