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Mr. Anthony Hood, Chair
Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW
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Dear Mr. Hood:

I am writing to inform you of the wonderful work Georgetown University does for students and their families in the Washington community—work which I hope you will consider when making a decision about Georgetown University's 2010 Campus Plan. I am the parent of Mercedes Grier, who is currently enrolled in Georgetown University's Meyers Institute for College Preparation (MICP).

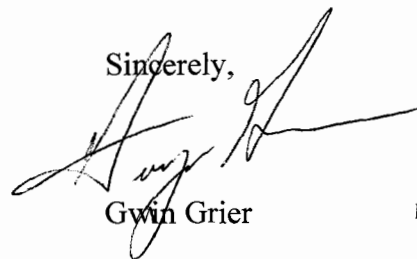
My daughter is in tenth grade and this is her fourth year with the program. The MICP curriculum is designed to help students develop and strengthen critical thinking skills and improve their test-taking and study skills, all in preparation for college. Dedicated staff, students, and faculty provide academic enrichment as well as opportunities like studying abroad, attending college tours and Broadway plays. Currently, Mercedes is engaged in coursework in English, Math, Science and foreign language when she attends classes on Georgetown University's campus every Saturday during the school-year.

These experiences, as well as the individual attention and support, are helping her gain more confidence in her abilities. No doubt, she will be academically prepared for a successful college experience, as this program is helping her learn the value of hard work, preparation and discipline.

I am also appreciative of the mentoring MICP has provided to my entire family. They are helping guide me to seek the best education and opportunities possible for my child.

I feel fortunate that we are involved with the Meyers Institute for College Preparation and I can't thank Georgetown University enough for all they have done for my daughter. I support Georgetown University and I ask you to approve their plan so they can continue the important work of helping the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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EXHIBIT NO. 49