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Sheila Reid-Cross, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW 2nd Floor
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: The George Washington University Campus Plan
Board of Zoning Adjustment Application No. 16553

Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing this letter in support of the above referenced application. School Without Walls Senior High School (SWW) is a neighbor to both the Foggy Bottom community and The George Washington University. From what I understand and have read, it appears that the University has attempted to address the concerns of the community while continuing to provide the District and community with a top-notch institution of higher education. School Without Walls has been a direct recipient of the outreach efforts to the community by The George Washington University. As the University has continued to grow and develop, the President and his staff have continually welcomed the School Without Walls staff and students to take advantage of any opportunities to expand our relationship by providing us with a variety of services and facility usage.

While it is our (SWW) intent to remain a good neighbor to all who reside, work, and visit the Foggy Bottom area, it is our hope that the Board will make every effort to allow the University to continue its efforts to provide a high quality education to students at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The University has continually demonstrated its commitment to enhancing the identity of the campus and enriching the surrounding areas by providing non-fee services to my staff, students, and visitors to the school. The proposed plan appears to call for substantially less construction than what was proposed in the 1985 plan. Given the adjustments made, it is my hope that the new plan will provide a win-win situation for the University, community, and future residents of the Foggy Bottom area.

Based on my personal experience, George Washington University has been a good neighbor, enriching the community by providing educational and financial resources. The University has assisted our staff and students in maintaining a safe, clean, and orderly environment, as well as assisting us in preparing our students to become productive citizens in the 21st century.

For all of the above reasons, I urge you to provide the utmost consideration to approving the above-mentioned application.

Sincerely,

Dana T. Bedden
Principal

cc: Joel Trachtenberg, GWU President
Michele Gagne, Community Liaison
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See Exhibit 140

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Exhibit No. 133

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