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

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

Dear Members of the Board:

As a manager of a business in Ward 2 and as someone who is deeply committed to the welfare of the Foggy Bottom neighborhood, I am writing this letter in support of The George Washington University's Campus Plan. GW plays an important role in the District's economy and the Plan will allow the University to continue to be a force for neighborhood stability and economic growth. In fact, as a business in the area, we can attest to the fact that a substantial part of our annual revenue is directly related to the University and its operations.

The proposed plan is well designed and sensitive to the Foggy Bottom community. It is based on a careful and detailed assessment of the needs of the University and addresses many of the concerns expressed by the community. The proposed plan calls for substantially less new construction than what was approved in the 1985 Plan. I do not believe that it will result in detrimental impacts to the surrounding neighbors. In fact, given the proposed open space improvements and increase in on-campus housing, the plan will benefit the neighborhood.

GW has been a good neighbor and its presence enriches the community. The University assists neighbors and local business in maintaining the safety, beauty and charm of Foggy Bottom. I urge you to approve their application so that GW may continue to strengthen its commitment to the local community.

Sincerely,

Manager
Tower Records

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