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The Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St. N.W.
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Dear Board of Zoning Adjustment Members,

Located on the corner of 24th St., G St. and Virginia Avenue, N.W., my congregation is directly effected by the actions of The George Washington University. As a result, I have closely studied the Campus Plan which GWU has placed before you. I urge you to support it.

Clearly, GWU is a growing institution with growing needs for new buildings and space. This creates some tension in the neighborhood. However, would we want it any other way? Would we want GWU to be stagnant or in decline? Obviously not. It seems to me that the proposed campus plan is an orderly and reasonable plan for the continued healthy growth of GWU as a world-class educational institution.

GWU continues to create more housing for their student body. However, like students everywhere, some GW students inevitably want to live off campus. This creates periodic complaints from non-student residents in the neighborhood. However, ultimately the desire to live off campus is beyond the control of GWU. GWU cannot force all of its students to live on the campus and remain competitive in the battle to attract top students.

I find GWU to be an overall positive presence in the neighborhood. Their police force helps make this one of the safest neighborhoods in the city. They have a wonderful program which enables people over sixty to take courses at GWU for a minimal charge. They make a diligent effort to beautify the neighborhood with high quality landscaping. Property values in this neighborhood continue to rise.

I hope you will approve the plan as presented. Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Sincerely,

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