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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, Chairperson
District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W., Room 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Georgetown University Application for St. Mary's Hall
BZA Application No. 16565

Dear Ms. Reid and Members of the Board:

I support Georgetown University's plans to renovate St. Mary's Hall for a mix of academic and office use. Given its location in close proximity to the Cloisters, in which I live, I believe that this mix of uses is more appropriate than student housing at this location. While it is true that S. Mary's did provide dormitory space for undergraduate students in the past, those students have since been relocated to other facilities on campus. Additionally, with the construction of the new Southwest Quad project on Canal Road, the University is providing additional housing on campus and St. Mary's is no longer needed for dormitory use.

The plans for St. Mary's involve minor changes to the exterior of the building to improve the entrances. In all other respects, the changes will take place on the interior of the building which is an existing four story structure. As a nearby resident, I am pleased that the University is not planning to add additional floors to the building and I support their plans for renovation to bring the building up to modern day code requirements.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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