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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Director, Board of Zoning Adjustment
Suite 210, 441 Fourth Street, N.W.
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Dear Ms. Reid:

I am writing today to register my concern about Georgetown University's plan to increase its enrollment.

I have lived at my present address over fifty years. In that time, I have watched as the University has grown around me to the point where it now owns and occupies every property abutting mine. (My parcel is the only non-Georgetown property in Square1226.)

University uses include student housing, student activities, and administration.

This has not come without cost. Over the years, I have experienced more and more problems in the neighborhood. Most troubling are those regarding noise and trash. I am frequently disturbed by the music and sounds of late-night parties (3 and 4 AM not being atypical times) and the yells and shouting of students passing by. I have also had the unpleasant experience of dealing with inebriated students. An incident on Halloween of last year illustrates these problems. In the early morning hours, I was awakened by the barking of my dog. On investigation, I discovered that a young man had entered my house and was passed out on a bed. Not wanting to involve the police, I called the students next door who came and carried him home. I understand that this is not an isolated incident of alcohol abuse by Georgetown students.

As regards trash, we have had problems with rats due, in part, to the handling of garbage in student housing. I have found garbage strewn about my property and have been subjected to foul smells of improperly stored trash. This situation necessitated a call to the District to correct.

Georgetown University has problems with its present student body. Although they are now attempting to handle and eliminate these problems, it does not seem wise to exacerbate the situation by adding yet more students. An enrollment increase of the size planned by the University should not be granted at this time.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Williams

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