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Dear Ms. Reid:

We are writing to express our opposition to the Georgetown University campus plan. As residents and homeowners for two years in Georgetown, we have consistently been witness to the late night noise and excessive drinking by Georgetown University students. Most of these problems are caused by students living off campus in student group housing and rental units. We have had to call the police on two occasions because of late night parties. There have been other occasions when we probably should have called the police. The posted quiet zone signs have made no difference in student conduct. Students also utilize a disproportionate number of parking spaces due to the number of cars per student group house and rental unit.

The noise, parking, and traffic problems are dramatically reduced in the summer months when the student population is at a minimum. When Georgetown University shuts down for holidays there is abundant parking and peace and quiet.

Based on these real world problems we can in no way support the University's plan to increase the overall number of students and require more off campus student housing. The University's claims of financial difficulties due to the current student cap are unfounded and illogical. More students will require more facilities. More funding for the University can be found from other traditional sources.

We are sure that Georgetown University will not shut down due to the current student cap. Georgetown University has not lived up to its promise in it's 1990 campus plan to house all undergraduates by the year 2000. As residents why should we believe that Georgetown will live up to this proposed plan. They also attempted to develop the Wormley school property in violation of the agreement they made with the ANC. Georgetown University's word does not mean much to residents. The University's claims that other Universities have more off campus students also rings hollow. We want Georgetown to be an example of the right way to house students and to work with the residents in a proactive partnership. No more students if Georgetown University cannot house them on campus.

Sincerely

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