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VIA FACSIMILE

Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, Chairperson
DC Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

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Re: BZA Application No. 16566
Georgetown University Campus Plan

Dear Ms. Reid:

My wife, Patricia, and I reside at 3338 Prospect Street in Georgetown. We are writing to express our support of Georgetown's Campus Plan.

We have familiarized ourselves with all aspects of the plan, and we believe that Georgetown has acted responsibly in establishing on-campus housing as its top priority. Georgetown's commitment to build the new dormitory and related facilities is in clear response to its pledge to the community to bring its students on campus. Georgetown has logically combined with that plan its development of the additional academic facilities which are necessary to maintain its strong academic status. We believe, as neighbors, we need to work with Georgetown so that its efforts to work with the community to bring students on campus are met with a positive response to its needs from an academic standpoint. Accordingly, we urge you to support and approve Georgetown's Campus Plan in its entirety.

Those responsible for Georgetown's student life are making efforts to establish a compatible relationship between neighbors and student body. Such a relationship must be approached reasonably from both sides. We received recently a letter from the Citizens Association of Georgetown directed clearly towards soliciting and encouraging letters of complaint to you about Georgetown and its students. This tactic seems unfair and calculated to solicit criticism without any real objective evaluation of Georgetown's campus plan. Our current residence is in a highly traveled area, and we are well aware that students stay up late and can make noise. Any problems which occur in this regard should be addressed separately. This should have very little to do with the realistic and proper evaluation of a responsible and thoughtful

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campus plan. We urge you to evaluate the plan on its merits and with regard to Georgetown's intention to establish first-rate academic facilities, a new dormitory and the infra-structure necessary for on-campus student life. We believe the plan should be approved in its entirety.

Very truly yours,

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