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Ms. Sheila Cross-Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

In Re: Georgetown University Campus Plan

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Board:

We, the Clyde's Restaurant Group, have read the Georgetown University Campus Plan and are writing in support of it.

It is our privilege to work directly with Georgetown University on many sensitive community issues. It is our privilege, equally, to serve the Georgetown neighborhood in which we flourish. We like to think of ourselves in partnership with Georgetown University as "good neighbors", to make Georgetown an even better place to work and live. And so, it is our wish that the Board of Zoning Adjustment comes to share our view and support Georgetown University's efforts to position itself best for the educational challenges and competitions of the 21st century, for the following three reasons.

The economic impact of the University payroll along with faculty, administrative, and student spending is a critical community life-blood. It is vital for the health of our businesses as well as for our neighborhood, now, and in the future. Moreover, Georgetown University has become one of Washington's largest employers. That grows as the University grows.

Georgetown University has been carrying out its noble work for as long as our country has been in existence, sharing their foundings in 1789. It has seen the Washington and Georgetown communities grow up around it, rather than it having been a serious intruder. In its over 200 years of educational history it now ranks among the most prestigious learning centers in the United States. Graduates from its law, medicine, and foreign service schools occupy peak positions in government and commerce. The University's growth over these 200 years has contributed and made a difference to society at large.

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This mixed and working system of ours, encompassing businesses, homes, and schools, is full of reciprocal opportunities for residents, employees, students, owners, neighbors, faculty, workers, tourists, and families. Georgetown University is open to all who wish or need to avail themselves of its body of knowledge. We in turn, have benefited from this University's student work force. These are the same youth who over the years have worked so productively Washington-wide. Their general volunteering is an example to us all.

Education is undeniably one of our most important issues. Non-profit institutions such as Georgetown need our help, encouragement, and communication. For Georgetown University to thrive and not just survive, benefits everyone.

Sincerely,

John G. Laytham
Executive Vice President

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