July 12, 2000

Shelia Cross-Reid
Director, Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Cross-Reid:

I am writing to ask that the Board of Zoning Adjustment NOT approve the Georgetown University Ten Year Plan. I have lived in Burleith for 25 years, and have seen the changes that have occurred in our neighborhood as a result of more and more students living here instead of on campus.

I have been awakened many times by rowdy groups of students roving the streets; by parties a block away; by students screaming at each other and using vulgar and offensive language. During the Christmas break last year, my sons and I were awakened every morning at 4 AM by a clock radio in an upstairs bedroom of the house next door—apparently the student had left for vacation and not turned it off. Loud music played for about an hour before shutting off!

The students exhort us, the residents, to "get to know them" because then we will see that they are, for the most part, nice people and the leaders of tomorrow. I do not disagree with this. However, I would like for the students to realize that we residents are nice people, too, and are in fact the leaders of today, and have worked hard to establish peaceful, comfortable homes in peaceful, comfortable neighborhoods.

If Georgetown University is allowed to increase their enrollment after the construction of the new dormitory, our neighborhood will continue under siege: in the fall, winter, and spring by students; in the summer by the interns who come to Washington and sublet the student houses.

Please help us maintain the "neighborhood-ness" of our neighborhood by rejecting Georgetown University's plan. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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