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Anthony Williams, Mayor
Washington, DC

Dear Mayor Williams:

I have just finished pulling out the noxious bindweed along the edge of my yard. Each time that I do this, I am reminded that I do not actually have neighbors next door—I have a landlord who hires a lawn service to mow, but doesn't really care if there are weeds all over the fence and invading my garden, and I have students who are usually well-behaved, but who do not know where I work, who my children are, what I enjoy in my free time, where and when I like to go on vacation: in other words, they are not really neighbors, and I might as well be living next to a motel.

I want to ask you to support our neighborhood, Burleith, and all the other neighborhoods in our city whose existence, identity, and quality of life are being threatened by abutting universities who will not/cannot house their students on campus.

Georgetown University has presented a 10-year plan that includes increasing their enrollment—this increase would continue the current negative impact of having large numbers of students living in Burleith and other surrounding neighborhoods. I have lived in Washington for nearly 30 years and in Burleith for 25 years. My children were educated in and graduated from DC public schools. I teach at Francis Junior High School. I am committed to this city just as you are, and I ask your support in opposing Georgetown University's 10 year plan.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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