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Ms. Shelia Cross-Reid
Director, Board of Zoning Adjustment
Suite 210
441 Fourth Street N.W.
Washington DC 20001

Dear Ms. Cross-Reid:

As a resident of Burleith since 1995, I would like to inform you of my opposition to the Georgetown University Ten-Year Plan because of the serious impact it will have on my neighborhood.

I understand the city of Washington requires that a University in a residential area shall not become objectionable to neighboring property because of noise, number of students, traffic or other objectionable conditions. In general, Georgetown University students and others from outside the District (whether they're working or visiting the hospital, working at local embassies, on Wisconsin Avenue (National Academy of Sciences, hotels, etc.)) create excessive traffic, do not take care of their group houses (uncut grass, blaring stereo systems), cut through the Burleith, and park illegally. All of these things are objectionable to me. These same things likely happen in Georgetown, Foxhall Village, and other neighborhoods bordering Georgetown University. I recognize that not all the students living in Burleith are problematic, but it's the ones who are loud, rude and inconsiderate who draw the most attention.

In addition, the new ownership of the Georgetown Hospital wants to realign Entrance No. 1 with 38th Street. It's bad enough we have students and workers cutting up 39th and down T Streets despite the fact that there's no exit from the hospital directly on to 39th Street. If Entrance No. 1 was aligned with 38th Street, we'd have more people cutting through Burleith trying to get to Wisconsin Avenue.

Let me give you some examples of why an increase in student enrollment would hurt people living in Burleith:

- As a mother with small children, it is especially dangerous to see cars ignoring stop signs and cutting through our side street at high speeds on their way to classes or work.

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- Luckily, my block does not have many group houses. However, when others on 38th or 39th Street have parties, the noise travels. For example, just a few weeks ago, the loud music and talking partyers a block or so away came right into my bedroom windows when I was trying to sleep.
- My husband and I used to like to walk around the neighborhood in the evening. Once, we came upon a drunken student urinating in bushes at the corner of 37th and S Streets. There were other drunken students hanging around the corner house. This boy was aggressive toward my husband when my husband told him stop and move. I don't think you or anyone you know would like to have this kind of behavior where you live.

In conclusion, for these particular reasons, and my desire to ensure continued quality of life in a nice, in-town community, let me restate my opposition to the Georgetown University Ten Year Plan. Please DO NOT APPROVE Georgetown University's Ten Year Plan.

Sincerely,

Stacy B. Davis

cc: Councilmember Jack Evans
Pat Scolaro, President, Burleith Citizens Association