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RE: Zoning Commission Case No. 02-26

Dear Ms. Kress:

I am a long – time resident of Foggy Bottom, having first moved into this area in the 1980's. I have been a strong supporter of George Washington University and the numerous improvements that have occurred in our community as a result of their active involvement in a large number of improvement projects which have directly benefited our historic area. Our neighborhood has become far safer, our property values have risen significantly, the cultural, and educational expansion of our community has been substantially enriched and, due to the new deluxe GW hospital, our medical care is now the best in the city. These positive changes have resulted primarily through the quality upgrades offered to the neighborhood by GW.

Recently, George Washington University has applied to broaden the usage and increase the hours of operation of the new Health and Wellness Center, located at the corner of 23rd and G Streets. This magnificent facility has been unfairly excluded for use by residents of the neighborhood where it is located despite the strong desire of the residents and the wishes of GW to open this Center to the broader community. In fact, GW wishes to make an extraordinary offer to Foggy Bottom residents to charge only $295 per year for full use of the facility including the pool. This is the same rate charged to GW staff. Membership fees in local comparable health clubs with pools such as the LA Sports Club and the YMCA are triple or quadruple this rate, and these facilities are not nearly as modern as the Health and Wellness Center. To exclude the members of the Foggy Bottom community from benefiting and participating in this beautiful facility located in our neighborhood makes no sense. We in the community wish to join and GW welcomes our membership. Please be so kind as to facilitate our mutual partnership request and approve GW's application to make more efficient and fair use of this recreational resource.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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