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Carol Mitten
Chair, DC Zoning Commission
441 Fourth Street, NW
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RE: Case No 02-30 Land Currently Unzoned

Dear Ms. Mitten,

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed project to build a boathouse on the east side of the Potomac River approximately 300 yards north of the Key Bridge. Please do not allow the parkland property to be zoned. I think that building this boathouse, in any form, will have a deleterious impact on the park, the Capital Crescent Trail, and on the Potomac River.

I am a resident of the Palisades neighborhood in Washington, DC. My husband, two school-age daughters and I frequently ride our bikes on the Capital Crescent Bike Trail. We often go down to the Mall using the trail – a gem within the city. It isn't a hidden gem either; it is a heavily trafficked public transportation route. Walkers, joggers, dog-walkers, bikers, skaters, and parents pushing strollers use this trail during all the daylight hours. The woods, the canal, and the river, however, all create an ambiance and quiet serenity that create the impression that the trail is quiet, safe and not crowded. The construction of a boathouse just off the trail will destroy that ambiance.

My older daughter is 14 years old and is a junior member of the Washington Canoe Club. She and other members of the Club paddle on the Potomac and train for the junior Olympics in flatwater kayaking and canoeing. Their activities will be adversely affected by the construction of the new boathouse, both during the construction and when it is finished.

Please do not allow any zoning changes to the parkland along the banks of the Potomac near the Key Bridge.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Gwenn H.S. Gebhard

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