Carol Mitten
Chair, Dc, Zoning Commission
441 4th St., NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 2001

Dear Ms. Mitten,

I am writing you concerning the proposed new boathouse for George Town University on the Potomac River. I am concerned about several aspects of this proposal but will keep my comment very short out of respect for your time.

Please block the encroachment of this private company on our public land. I live in Northern Virginia but often visit this area of the Potomac river and when I have friends and relatives visiting they have always been pleasantly surprised at the close availability of rural, somewhat wilderness type, environment setting so near Washington, DC. More development along the Potomac will certainly be a permanent lose to the District and its neighbors.

I find the size of the proposed facility staggering. It is at least twice as large as actually required to support GU's rowing teams. Serious questions should be asked as to why GU wants to build such a large facility when there is no way to justify it for the rowing teams.

Since I assume the construction of this facility is a "done deal" regardless of public opinion, I would like to see the University at least required to offer these new world class facilities to local high schools for use by their rowing teams. At least the local community could glean some small benefit from the loss of our public land.

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