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Re: Georgetown University Boathouse

Dear Ms. Mitten:

As the mother of a sophomore at Woodrow Wilson Senior High School who participates in the Wilson Crew program, I write in support of the plan for a new Georgetown University boathouse.

As many others have pointed out, this isn't about Georgetown University (with which I have no connection whatever) – it's about opportunities for high school students to row on the Potomac. Thompson's Boathouse is the only facility available for D.C. high school rowing programs. It's not only full, but the outside compound where many high school boats are stored will be lost when the Swedish Embassy begins construction. If we can't create more space inside the boathouse, by moving Georgetown University boats out, the simple fact is that high school kids will be denied the opportunity to row.

D.C. public school students get shortchanged so often, in so many ways – please don't deprive them of this wonderful program, which promotes personal growth, discipline, and an appreciation for the beauty of the Potomac. Vague plans to consider solutions somehow, someday, just won't suffice. We need boathouse space NOW if our children are not to be shortchanged yet again, and the Georgetown University boathouse is the only feasible plan on the horizon. It should be approved.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Catherine G. O'Sullivan

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