Ms. Carol Mitten
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Dear Ms. Mitten,

I learned only today from the Washington Post of the proposed development of a boathouse on Tract 102-114. I am a frequent recreational user of that portion of waterfront, mainly as a runner. I consider the boathouse plan to be unworkable because the land space is narrow and the only possible right-of-way access to the site would be along the already narrow entrance to the Capital Crescent Trail.

I am a new citizen and I feel, as a citizen, I should speak out when I feel that citizen's rights are being trampled on. Such seems to be the case when the University and The National Park Service are doing a deal, the outcome of which would benefit only the University and not the general public. Further, I have not been aware of any public discussion of this matter.

The proposed location is a public treasure. Please do not allow Georgetown to proceed with it's development plans until there has been a full and comprehensive public debate on the merits of this case. I favor protection of the Potomac River waterfront from Key Bridge to the District Line. Future generations will thank us. Please include my name as one of those opposed the zoning of tract 102-114 for development as a private boathouse.

If Georgetown wishes to proceed with the development of a private boathouse, I favor their choosing another site downsteam, one which would not cause such serious social and environmental costs.

Sincerely,

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