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Washington, DC Zoning Commission
Carol Mitten, Chair
441 4th Street, NW
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Reference – Case#02-30, Georgetown University Boathouse

Dear Ms. Mitten:

At long last, the day is approaching, we hope, when the Georgetown Rowing team will have its own world class facility. The design and location has received passing grades from all of those in the approval process.

Allow me to get a little sentimental about my involvement with the Georgetown rowing program. In the fall of 1957, as a freshman at Georgetown I was recruited by one of my floor mates to restart the crew team (which had died out sometime in the 1920s). Against my better judgment, we found a coach and the use of an old shell from a local high school in Virginia. The only time available to teach and train was very early in the morning. And so the team was revived and continues to this day.

Thompson's boathouse was a great addition but is now bursting at its seams. Having a new Georgetown University boat house will add to the spectacle of the Georgetown waterfront in a very positive way. It will undoubtedly lead to grander regattas on the Potomac for colleges and universities nationwide. Employing the Georgetown waterfront for crew is an absolutely perfect marriage of the often contending interests over development along the Potomac.

Personally, I can't wait to see the building begin. A project in Georgetown which has a low and positive impact, healthy for the students, and benefits Georgetown citizens and visitors alike – how different from other projects you have reviewed. No one could fail to approve this project. I respectfully ask you and your fellow members of the Zoning Commission to give the project your thoughtful consideration and approval.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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