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Reference Case # 02-30, Georgetown University Boathouse

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Dear Ms. Mitten,

I am writing to support the construction of a boathouse for Georgetown University on the Potomac River upriver from the Potomac Boat House and Washington Canoe club.

I have lived on the Georgetown Waterfront for nearly 15 years and watched the growth of rowing programs and the wonderful utilization of the river it has brought. Every morning I see hundreds of students from across the city making their way to Thompson's boathouse to get on the river with their crews. Rowing is a demanding team sport and it is a pleasure to see so many students working so hard at it. Yet, the boathouse has clearly become overburdened and more space is needed for all of the rowers and their boats.

It would be an asset to the riverfront community to have additional boathouse space for the rowing community. As a resident, having that space upriver from the Key Bridge is ideal. During the past 15 years, I have waited for the Georgetown riverfront to emerge as the potential park it was designated to be many years ago. Accommodating the rowing community upriver from the Key Bridge should be a significant factor in making progress toward the beautification of the riverfront and the development of a park downriver from the bridge.

I encourage you to facilitate the process of allowing Georgetown University to construct a new boathouse for their rowing program and to thereby alleviate some of the demand upon Thompson's boat house.

Sincerely,

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