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Zoning Commission,
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Dear Commission:

As a resident of Glover Park and a former collegiate rower, I am aware of the controversy surrounding Case #02-30, Georgetown University Boathouse. I am writing in favor of the new boathouse as I believe it will be a tremendous asset to the rowing community in Washington.

I grew up in the Washington DC metropolitan area and did not have rowing at my high school. I attended the University of Virginia and joined their rowing program and found my time as a collegiate rower to be an incredible experience. The skills I learned and the friendships I made are priceless. I only hope that every collegiate rower has such a wonderful experience and I believe that a boathouse is essential to college rowing.

Although I do not row anymore, it is very enjoyable to see shells on the river. Rowing has been added to so many area high schools and there is a need for additional facilities for rowing on the Potomac River. When Georgetown builds their own boathouse, it will relieve the congestion of people and shell traffic at Thompson's Boathouse.

Rowing, and the culture of people of all ages rowing on the Potomac Rover, adds to the quality life for everyone. It is aesthetically pleasing to watch, it represents people using the river and the public resources in a healthy constructive manner. I hope that you will approve the Georgetown University boathouse. I believe it is a project that will enhance the lives of today's youth and the University community.

Sincerely,

Jennifer M. Shaheen

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