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Re: Case #02-30; Georgetown University Boathouse

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Dear Ms. Mitten,

I am writing in support of the proposed Georgetown University Boathouse. As a long time rower – I learned to row on the Potomac in 1978 – I have a keen appreciation of the dedication and commitment of the Georgetown University rowing program. This positive influence extends beyond the program to the general public. Through their participation in the sport of crew, those who row on this stretch of the Potomac have a vested interest in the health of this river; take a team spirit to everything they do off the water; and promote a healthy appreciation of sport and nature.

There is currently a deficit of spaces to house the burgeoning interest in this healthy, beautiful, and historic sport. This demand stretches from high school programs to collegiate, and beyond to elite and masters rowing. The proposed Georgetown University Boathouse would go a long way in easing this need, as it would free up some space in Thompson's Boat Center for the high school crew programs that are in critical need of more space.

I am also an architect. From the design standpoint, the GU boathouse is well suited to be on this piece of land, just upstream from PBC and the Washington Canoe Club. In its current, proposed, location it continues a long tradition of rowing, and general boating, on this particular stretch of the Potomac River. Moreover, it begins to address the very real need of more space for boats.

I am happy to answer any questions about rowing, or about architecture, as concerns the proposed Georgetown University Boathouse. I am in full support of its realization.

Sincerely,

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