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Washington DC Zoning Committee
Carol Mitten, Chair
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Mitten:

I am writing in reference to Case # 02-30, Georgetown University Boathouse.

I am a full supporter of building the new Georgetown University Boathouse, proposed to be located upstream of the Washington Canoe Club. I rowed on the Charles River in Boston for four years in high school, on the Junior National Team for 2 years, and for four years at Georgetown University, where I graduated in 1998. I was Assistant Coach for Georgetown's Novice women in 1999 and have been a member of Potomac Boat since 1999.

After having rowed out of Thompson's Boathouse for 4 years, and coached out of it for one, I am continually convinced that Georgetown University rowers deserve and need their own boathouse. Thompson's is overloaded with rowers, especially with high school rowing programs, which are growing uncontrollably. This ends up with the dilemma of shared equipment, overcrowding of the bays and potential safety hazards. The construction of Georgetown's own boathouse would relieve the congestion of people and shell traffic at Thompson's. It would also provide Georgetown rowers with the equipment and space that is needed to be able to train and excel at the level of their competitors.

The new Georgetown University boathouse would sit handsomely on the Potomac River, complementing Potomac Boat Club and the Washington Canoe Club. This will no doubt turn into a memorable landmark on the Potomac River, providing a beautiful view from the George Washington Parkway.

I urge you to support the construction of the proposed Georgetown University boathouse.

Regards,

Kirsten Catanzano

Kirsten Catanzano, Graduate of Georgetown University, 1998

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