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Washington, DC Zoning Commission
Carol Mitten, Chair
441 4th St. NW
Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

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Reference: Case #02-30, Georgetown University Boathouse

Dear Ms. Mitten:

David Challinor, a fellow member of the Potomac Boat Club, a daily rower on the Potomac, fourteen time winner at the Head of the Charles (the largest rowing regatta in the world), Scientist Emeritus of the Smithsonian Institute, and now in a very active 85th year, once told me that of all the world's rowing venues, there is none better than our blessed Potomac, right here in Washington, DC. I'll take David's word for it and that is another reason why I would applaud the addition of the Georgetown University Boat Club to the Potomac waterfront.

To witness a boat of eight young men or women and their coxswain battling down the Potomac in a driving rainstorm with temperatures hovering in the thirties, is to witness the absolute highest level of discipline, dedication and teamwork. If you wish to know where many of our leaders for tomorrow are today, just go down to the shores of the Potomac from 5:30AM to 7:00PM, any day and you will see them. It is pretty obvious.

Georgetown University is serious about educational development and it is serious about rowing. A fine boathouse will be an incubator for thousands of focused young people and a landmark for the Potomac.

Please approve Georgetown University's zoning request for a boathouse .

Sincerely,

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