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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 am a Georgetown alumnus of Georgetown's Dental School, Class of 1971 and a member of Potomac Boat Club. Historically there have been many water dependent buildings and facilities, including old Georgetown boathouses, on the waterfront in this area of Georgetown, and I believe that this new boathouse would be a great addition to the waterfront. It would provide a great view from the George Washington Parkway, as the boathouse would align with the towers of Healy Building. This will be a memorable, identifiable image and a lasting image.

There is a large need for additional rowing facilities on the Potomac River, especially with the growth of high school programs that seem to have overtaken Thompson's Boathouse. When Georgetown leaves Thompson's Boathouse it will free up two shell storage bays for others who currently store shells in temporary outdoor racks. There is such enormous demand for additional space for rowing facilities, which will be exacerbated by the loss of the outdoor storage compound at Thompson's when the construction of the proposed Swedish Embassy begins. The construction of Georgetown's boathouse would be a win-win situation for the University as well as for the community.

I fully support the construction of Georgetown's new boathouse and strongly urge you to do the same.

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Regards,

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