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Refetence Case # 02-30, Georgetown University Boathouse

Ms. Carol Mitten
441 4th Street, NW
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Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Mitten:

I am writing this letter to support the proposal for a Georgetown boathouse to be situated on the Potomac River to the west of the Washington Canoe Club. This proposal has been approved by the local ANC, the Old Georgetown Board, the Commission of Fine Arts and the Georgetown Waterfront Commission.

I attended Georgetown University from 1995 to 1999 and rowed for the University on the Potomac River during those years. I believe the new boathouse will greatly benefit the University community and the rowing community in DC.

The boathouse facilities are comprehensive: Shell storage, an indoor rowing tank, locker rooms, training facilities, small meeting rooms, and an office. The Georgetown crew team currently lacks many of these components, which other collegiate crew teams with whom Georgetown competes have taken for granted for years. The addition of these facilities will help to make the Georgetown crew team a more competitive program.

More importantly, the DC rowing community is in need of additional facilities along the Potomac River. The rowers are currently concentrated in two locations, Potomac Boat Club and Thompson's Boat Center. When Georgetown leaves Thompson's Boat Center, the two shell storage bays occupied by Georgetown will be available for other users. Many rowing clubs currently store their shells in an outdoor storage compound, which will be lost once the construction of the proposed Swedish Embassy begins. In addition, the University will make the indoor rowing tank available to other users. This tank will be a great addition to the local rowing community.

Regards,

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