Carol Mitten
Chair, District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th Street NW
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Washington, DC 20001

May 15, 2003

Ref: Case No. 02-30

Dear Ms. Mitten:

I am writing to register my significant concerns with the proposed zoning issue (ref), results of which are designed to accommodate development on parkland property. As a long-time admirer of U.S. Park Service efforts to conserve significant properties in an undeveloped state, as also a regular user of the C&O Canal, a critical reminder of Washington's commercial and cultural history, and the Capital Crescent Trail, I view the proposed changes in zoning status an enormously destructive imposition on all of these important benefits that the District now enjoys.

Parkland is precious everywhere, but when that parkland exists in the center of a hectic urban environment, and when it embraces a national treasure such as the C&O canal, I find it virtually shameful to consider significant development, which could readily be accommodated only several hundred yards downstream, where commercial development has been underway for well over two centuries.

I urge you, and the District of Columbia Zoning Commission, to leave this parkland property in its current unzoned state, with no new construction permitted.

Sincerely and with best regards,

K.S. Fisher

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