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Ref. Case # 02-30, Georgetown University Boathouse
Tract 102-114

Dear Ms. Mitten:

A lifelong resident of Palisades, D.C., and an active user of the Potomac River for non-motorized, recreational activities, I write in support of the proposal for the Georgetown University Boathouse.

Currently, there are only two facilities that support the sport of rowing north of Alexandria, VA. One is the private Potomac Boat Club of which I am a member, and for which there is a 2+ years waiting list to become active. The other facility, the Harry Thompson Boat Center is extremely overburdened by the logarithmic growth of rowing programs by high schools and colleges from Washington DC, northern Virginia, and suburban Maryland and will become even more so when the construction of the Swedish Embassy begins.

To restore a boathouse facility to Georgetown University would alleviate congestion both on Rock Creek Parkway at Thompson's access, and on the River at Washington Harbour, Georgetown.

Moreover, encouraging non-motor uses of the Potomac River is the best way to preserve it from the real threat: motorboats and developments to accommodate them.

To be good stewards of our city, I believe we should support the endeavors that will enhance our community and our natural resources. I urge the DC Zoning Commission to support the GU Boathouse.

Sincerely,

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