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DC ZONING COMMISSION
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SUBJ: ZONING RE. GU BOATHOUSE

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS MONSTROUS BOATHOUSE TO BE BUILT ON NCP LAND UP RIVER OF KEY BRIDGE
I'VE BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE AREA FOR OVER 50 YEARS WITH MANY YEARS LIVING AND WORKING IN WASHINGTON. FOR MORE THAN 60 YEARS I'VE ENJOYED ROWING AND CANOEING BETWEEN KEY BRIDGE AND CHAIN BRIDGE. ONE OF MY MOST PLEASANT MEMORIES IS SEEING A BUCK DEER ON THE BANK NEAR THREE SISTERS ISLAND. AS A MEMBER OF THE WASHINGTON CANOE CLUB I'VE TRAINED AND COMPETED WITH OUR MANY NATIONAL AND OLYMPIC PADDLERS ON THIS PART OF THE RIVER.
BUILDING THIS MONSTROUS BOATHOUSE WILL:
(1) SEVERELY RESTRICT THE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COMPETITIVE PADDLERS OF ALL AGES. THE CURRENT AGREEMENT OF THE ROWERS USING THE VA. SIDE AND THE PADDLERS THE D.C SIDE OF THE RIVER WILL BE NEGATED. THE G.U. ACTIVITIES WILL COMPLETELY DOMINATE THAT AREA OF THE RIVER.
(2) THE IMPORTANT NATURAL AND SCENIC PROPERTIES OF OUR NATIONAL PARK AREA BETWEEN KEY BRIDGE AND THE THREE SISTERS ISLANDS WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY DIMINISHED BY THIS MONSTROSITY AND ITS ASSOCIATED PUBLIC ACTIVITIES

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