May 14, 2003

RE: Cases 2-30 and 2-31

Mrs. Carol Mitten, Director
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ZONING COMMISSION

Dear Mrs. Mitten:

This letter is in reference to Cases 2-30 and 2-31 which concern Georgetown University's proposed boathouse. I would like to register my strong opposition to the University's plans. Although I am not a resident of Georgetown, I am a frequent user of the parkland there so the proposed boathouse would directly affect me. My son paddles for the Washington Canoe Club. While he is practicing with his team, I often walk along the Capital Crescent Trail. One of the most enjoyable aspects of these walks is the unobstructed view of the Potomac River and its unspoiled natural surroundings. The huge proposed structure would significantly detract from this experience for me and, I am sure, for many others. I also share the conservationists' concerns about the possible ecological effects of the new structure, effects which do not seem to have been sufficiently explored yet, and the concerns of the Washington Canoe Club members regarding the possible negative impact of the proposed building on their historic structure and on the operations of the club's long-standing racing program. I urge you to give careful concern to such issues before approving the University's present plans.

Sincerely,

Elise K. Bruml

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Exhibit 198

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