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Ms. Carol Mitten
Chair, DC Zoning Commission
441 Fourth Street, NW
Room 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Georgetown University Boathouse; Case No. 20-03.

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Commission:

I am writing to support the above application of Georgetown University for construction of a boathouse on the waterfront above Key Bridge in Georgetown. I have been a member of the Georgetown Waterfront Commission since its establishment, a former Chair of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E, and am a member of the Board of the Georgetown Business and Professional Association and a 22-year resident of Georgetown.

The Georgetown Waterfront Park Commission, an all-volunteer civic organization, has been working for more than five years on a plan for the Georgetown waterfront that includes facilities for the non-motorized boating community. All Commission meetings are open to the public, and they generally are well attended. During these meetings, the Commission has recognized Georgetown University's need for a boathouse to ease the crowded conditions for high school rowers and others at Thompson's boat house. The Commission and members of the community have strongly supported the location and design of the University's proposed boathouse.

The site for boathouse is within the boundaries set by the Commission and the National Park Service. Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E (Georgetown), the Old Georgetown Board and the full Fine Arts Commission, the D.C. Historic Preservation Review Board, and the C & O Canal Commission have all approved the boathouse design. Moreover, this project will enhance the appearance of the Georgetown waterfront, and will leave miles of undeveloped land along the Potomac, the C&O Canal, and the Crescent Trail above the boat house zone for pedestrians and hikers to enjoy.

Georgetown University's proposed boathouse is an integral part of plans for the development and use of the Georgetown Waterfront. I urge the Zoning Commission to approve this application.

Sincerely yours,

Grace Bateman

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