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Ms. Carol Mitten
Chair, Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, N.W.
Washington DC 20001

Re: Reference Case #02-30, Georgetown University Boathouse

Dear Ms. Mitten,

As crew enthusiasts, former rowers on the Potomac, and donors to a boathouse on the Connecticut River for Wesleyan University, we write to support the plan for a Georgetown University boathouse.

We have looked at the site from the southern shore, and knowing the area of the Canoe Club as well, feel that a new boathouse will fit in handsomely on that shoreline. It makes good sense to cluster facilities; as many must have mentioned, the boathouses on the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia have been a welcome sight for over a century. The bank of trees below the University makes a handsome background.

More importantly, a new facility that enables Georgetown to take its shells and equipment out of the Thompson Boathouse would be very desirable. It is overly crowded - one of the reasons we had to abandon our rowing.

A boathouse such as we have seen in the design sketches is the sort of structure most appropriate to our waterfront. Far better to have it join the areas to be renovated than be further upstream breaking the calm of the wooded riverside.

We hope that your Commission will be pleased to give this project its approval.

Sincerely,

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