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Carol Mitten, Chair
DC Zoning Commission
441 4th St., NW Suite 210
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Dear Chair Mitten:

This letter is to let the DC Zoning Commission know that we are opposed to plans to allow Georgetown University to build a boathouse next to the Capital Crescent Trail. We are members of the Washington Canoe Club and attended the first hearing. At that hearing, we did not think Georgetown University addressed the problems the new boathouse will cause. Our first thought is that while Georgetown says the boathouse will be for the public and the public is welcome to watch the regattas and other activities, this is an invite full of thin air. Surely the University would not allow the public near the crew, its training equipment or in any other way in the near proximity to the event. This is a ridiculous claim by the school. The need for insurance and other protections from the general public would be prohibitive.

Additionally, we question why there was no environmental impact assessment and the overall confusion that this facility will add to the entire K Street corridor.

Generally this does not appear to be a well-thought out plan. The new boathouse will adversely affect the Canoe Club and we admit to a vested interest. But it seems very unfair that this proposed boathouse could be allowed to proceed when it will harm so many interests --- from the canoe club to the users of the Capital Crescent Trail to the Georgetown neighborhood. Please take another look at the Georgetown request.

Sincerely,

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