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Washington, DC Zoning Commission
Carol Milton, Chair
441 4th Street, NW
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Dear Ms. Milton:

I am writing in support of Georgetown University's proposal to build a boathouse on the bank of the Potomac River north of the Canoe Club. As a former captain of Georgetown Women's Crew, I think that the construction of a boathouse is vital for the continued success of this program and will be a valuable addition to the Potomac waterfront. It will make the waterfront more accessible to students participating in both rowing and sailing.

The design has been praised by numerous local groups, including the Historic Preservation Review Board and the Commission of Fine Arts, the Old Georgetown Board, the Georgetown Waterfront Commission, the Georgetown ANC and the C&O Canal National Historic Park Advisory Commission. The boathouse design was modeled after other historic boathouses on the East Coast and incorporates traditional materials. The design is environmentally friendly and has been approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It should help to beautify the area, as well as vitalize that section of the waterfront.

The proposal was developed with community input and consultation over the course of several years. Georgetown University has participated in numerous public hearings and taken community viewpoints into account throughout the design and approval process. Other area rowers – such as those at local high schools – have also been very supportive of the proposal, as it will free up practice and recreational space at Thompson's Boathouse, which currently is home to more than a dozen crew teams from the Washington area.

This agreement will be good for the University, which has long sought a suitable location to build a boathouse for its crew teams. The National Park Service will benefit as well, as ownership of the Palisades land will allow them to continue their beautification efforts in that area.

I sincerely hope that you will approve this proposal. It will be an asset to this community.

Sincerely,

Allison Benedetti

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