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Zoning Commission
Carol Mitten, Chair
441 4th Street NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Case #02-30
Georgetown University Boathouse

Dear Commission Members:

Although I have never set foot in rowing shell, I am writing to strongly encourage your consideration and approval of the zoning for the proposed boathouse for Georgetown University's rowing program.

As a resident of Georgetown for the past 20 years, I have delighted in the renaissance of Georgetown and the waterfront over the past several years! Included in this renaissance, is the construction of the proposed Swedish Embassy on the Georgetown waterfront. The construction of this Embassy however, has significant ramifications to the recreational use of the river by rowers, which use adds to the diversity and quality of life for Georgetown residents such as myself.

In my opinion, the construction of this proposed boathouse is critical in continuing the revitalization of the Georgetown waterfront as contemplated by the waterfront master plan, converting this once industrial area into a functional and aesthetically pleasing asset for the community which serves not only the members of the rowing community, but also serves to improve the quality of life and sense of community for residents of Georgetown such as myself.

Many years ago through commerce, the river served as the lifeblood of this community. Today, the river serves a similar community purpose bringing its citizens together through the recreational use of the river. This use by the rowing community is a use, which must be recognized, and encouraged and its displacement as a result of the proposed construction by the Embassy must be accommodated. As a resident of Georgetown, I therefore strongly encourage your approval of the zoning for this facility.

Sincerely,

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