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Carol Mitten
Chair, Washington D. C. Zoning Commission
Suite 210
441 4th Street N. W.
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Reference: Cases 02-30 and 02-31

Dear Ms. Mitten,

I do not support the proposed land swap between the National Park Service and Georgetown University to enable GU to build a boathouse. To construct a building on this site would destroy one of Washington's most scenic views. The proposed building is massive and seems far larger than is required to simply support rowing at Georgetown University. The infrastructure to support it (vehicle access, dock, air conditioning) would have an adverse effect on the river itself and on the public's ability to enjoy the river.

The proposed site is a beautiful stretch of untouched parkland bordering the Potomac River. This view can be enjoyed from the towpath along the canal as well as from the George Washington Parkway on the Virginia side. To remove this land and the view it provides from the public domain to accommodate a small few does a great disservice to Washington, D. C. and its citizens.

I strongly urge you to deny the request for the swap of land. This site provides one of the rare natural views in the city. Please keep it that way for the enjoyment of all of us.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth W. Ratigan

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