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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in opposition to **case # 02-30,** which is the construction of a boathouse for Georgetown University. The boathouse proposal will impact the wonderful and historic view of Georgetown as one approaches it from the C&O Canal. The view would never be the same. There is nothing like seeing Georgetown for the first time from the National Historic Park.

The size of the boathouse is of great concern. Certainly a structure as big and a tall as proposed will only inhibit the scenic view of the C&O Canal and the towpath and would also obstruct one's view of the famous Key Bridge. Since both of these are such historic features, it would be nice to have them remain untouched and unblemished by the building of this boathouse.

I understand that Georgetown University is also a major part of such an historical town and the university needs to expand, upgrade and try to stay competitive with other major universities, so I understand why the university would feel the need to build a boathouse. Perhaps a compromise could be reached? Could the university settle for a lower and smaller boathouse that would still service their needs but not interfere with the historical integrity of the area? I am asking for just that. If such a compromise is reached, then the university would have the boathouse and the height and size would not become a burden or an eyesore to those who enjoy the look of historical places.

Please consider this when the final decision is made.

Sincerely,

Debbie Summers

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C&O Canal Association

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