June 4, 2003

Ms. Carol Mitten, Chairman
Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

02-30

Dear Ms. Mitten:

I have just learned that the D.C. Zoning Commission has been petitioned by Georgetown University to rezone national C&O parkland upstream from the Washington Canoe Club on the Potomac River for a boathouse.

My concerns about this construction are:

The boathouse will take wetlands protecting an already compromised riparian area of the river.

The location in a floodplain could create a possible hazardous chemical pollution of the river from flooding of the chlorinated rowing tank and the boathouse air conditioning.

The current design calls for a 40 foot tall building that will block a view of the river from the Crescent Trail.

I do not feel the construction will be in line with the historical feeling of the shoreline.

There is no provision for additional parking of vehicles that will result from use of the boathouse in an area already overcrowded.

Construction impacts on recreational, historic and scenic resources.

Adherence to the National Environmental Policy Act.

It makes no sense to encroach on existing park land west of Key Bridge when millions of dollars are already being spent to develop new parkland, which reportedly includes two boathouses, east of Key Bridge and ¼ mile downstream. A more suitable site should be found.

Sincerely,

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