6510 Ridge Drive
Bethesda, MD 20816
June 5, 2003

Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Case #02-30

Dear Office of Zoning:

We are writing to express our strong opposition to Georgetown University's planned construction of a 33,000 square foot boathouse between the towpath and the river near Key Bridge.

We have lived along the Potomac since 1970, both in the District on Reservoir Road and in Brookmont, Maryland, and are members of the C&O Canal Association. We bike and hike the Crescent Trail and towpath several times each week and last October rode the length of the towpath from Cumberland to milepost 0 in Georgetown. We are constantly amazed at the wildness and natural beauty of this area so close to downtown Washington. On a recent ride to Georgetown, we rode in tandem with a blue heron. We are always grateful to the city planners who have thus far preserved this national treasure.

Construction of such a large facility would greatly diminish the beauty of this stretch of the towpath and people's enjoyment of it. We first of all don't understand why Georgetown University should be allowed to build on the site at all. And, in the event GU is allowed to build a boathouse there, we don't understand why it should be allowed to build a facility too large for the site so that it can accommodate alumni functions and symposiums. We strongly protest a building of such proportions. We ask that you deny the application as submitted and, if a boathouse is to be built, ask that you insist that it be one whose size and function are appropriate to the setting.

Sincerely,

Ron Miller

Judy Miller

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