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Dear Ms. Mitten

We would like to express our view with respect to the Georgetown Boathouse, which is being discussed. We have two teenaged children, who paddle at the Washington Canoe Club (WCC), adyacent to the proposed site.

We believe that one of WCC's greatest contributions is the work they do with children, especially with younger children (our own kids are beyond that stage now). Kayaking, and especially canoeing are sports that are best learned during childhood, given the difficult stability challenge present in competitive crafts. We believe that the fact that the WCC is so good with children, explains to a large extent, why they have produced so many distinguished athletes.

Now, paddling is a strenuous sport, especially for children, and if the proposed boathouse eliminates the nearby course which is used by WCC's children, it will become much more difficult for them if they have to cover greater distances to get to their course.

For that reason, we believe that it would be a pity, not only for the club, but for the competitive kayaking and canoeing sports in general if the course were lost because of the proposed construction.

Sincerely,

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