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To The Office of Zoning:

I would like to express in writing my opposition to case # 02-30 which involves a proposed boathouse for Georgetown University. It is my understanding that this boathouse will be over 30,000 square feet and will stand almost 30 feet high. I am opposed to the size of this structure for several reasons:

First, having bicycled the entire C&O Canal from Cumberland to Georgetown multiple times, I still can picture the spectacular view of the Potomac River, the Key Bridge, and of course, the C&O Canal. What a way to enter the town of Georgetown. It is my fear that a structure of this magnitude would not only obstruct this view, but also be way too large for that area of the canal and would detract from the history and preservation of the C&O Canal that Chief Justice Douglas fought so hard to save.

Second, as a person who enjoys college athletics, I do not want to deny Georgetown University the privilege of having a new facility, but it is my thought that the boathouse could be built without having a 30 foot rise and scaling the building down so that it fits in the area where it is proposed without becoming an evasion of the National Historic Park and the scenic view.

I am hoping that you will consider my viewpoint as you vote on this issue. Unfortunately, we sometimes destroy history and then wish we had it back. Please save the integrity of the C&O Canal and the surrounding historical Georgetown area.

Thank you for your consideration.

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