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Carol Mitten
Chair, D.C. Zoning Commission
441 Fourth Street NW, Suite 210S
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Re: Georgetown University
Boathouse; Case #02-30

Dear Ms. Mitten and members of the Commission:

I write in support of the Woodrow Wilson High School Crew Boosters Club and their recommendation that the Georgetown University proposal to build a boathouse on the Potomac River be approved.

In testimony March 19 Betsy Hart, on behalf of the Boosters Club, explained the negative impact it would have on student rowers at the District's largest public high school if the boathouse does not go forward. "The lack of space is squeezing high school rowing," she said, "and it will get worse without the new Georgetown boathouse." Ms. Hart's testimony described the very recent surge in interest in rowing at Wilson, and the demonstrated positive impact participating in this rigorous sport has on students. I concur that it would be "an enormous tragedy" if the sport were forced to disappear because of lack of space and the priority given to college and adult rowers.

I recommend approval of the Georgetown University proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Kathy Patterson

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Exhibit 326

cc: Betsy Hart, Wilson High School Crew Boosters Club
Councilmember Evans

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