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Carol Mitten, Chair
D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th St., NW, Suite 210
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Re: Georgetown University Boathouse – case number 02-03

Dear Ms. Mitten and members of the Zoning Commission:

I testified and submitted a letter in support of the Georgetown University boathouse at the hearing on June 5, 2003. I submit this additional letter in response to the testimony of some of the opponents arguing that the size of the proposed boathouse should be reduced. I urge that the Commission not reduce the size or change the design of the boathouse.

A reduction of the size of the propose boathouse might force Georgetown University to use outside storage for boats and equipment. This is the current situation of most of the boathouses on the Potomac, including the Washington Canoe Club, the Potomac Boat Club, and Thompson's Boat House. This under sizing of a boathouse not only cramps the program, it forces outside storage that is an eyesore and usually a barrier to public access. I assume that the Washington Canoe Club is surrounded by a chain link fence topped with barbed wire in order to protect the boats and equipment stored outside it's building.

The proposed Georgetown University boathouse encloses the entire rowing program within the building. That allows the University to provide full access around the building and onto the docks, a valuable public amenity that would not exist if the size were reduced.

The design of the boathouse is also commendable and should not be changed. It is a well designed and beautiful building that will grace the Georgetown waterfront.

Very truly yours,

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