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D.C. ZONING COMMISSION

Ms. Carol Mitten
Zoning Commissioner
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Mitten:

I am writing to protest the proposed building of the Georgetown University Boathouse on park land next to the Washington Canoe Club.

I have been a life-long member of the Washington Canoe Club, and grew up canoeing along the shores of the Potomac near the club, where I learned respect and understanding of the wildlife and eco-system in that area. I was shocked to hear that Georgetown University was attempting to build a boathouse right next to the Washington Canoe Club. I have seen the drawings of the design for the boathouse and was deeply offended as a conservationist, a former Washingtonian, and an advocate for the sport of canoeing. The building is monstrous – much too large to be anything but a disaster for the river ecosystem and the ability of the WCC to continue producing Olympic competitors in the sport of canoeing. A boathouse of such preposterous dimensions as is proposed by GU will obstruct the view and use of park services and will interfere with WCC's training efforts since the GU boathouse floats will extend far out into the river.

How did this happen? I am shocked that this has gone this far. I only hope that responsible people will take a stand and stop this from happening before a precious part of Washington D.C.'s past and future is forever lost to us.

Please do the right thing and stop the building of the Georgetown University Boathouse.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Gina D. Gills

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