Hello, my name is Natalie Carver and I'm fourteen years old. I am an athlete on the junior team from the Washington Canoe Club. I have been paddling with the junior team for 4 years. I first became involved with the team through a summer camp open to anybody who wanted to join. I fell in love with the sport and even quit soccer, my passion for 8 years, to further pursue paddling. Since then I have trained hard with the help from excellent coaches and great teammates. I participated at the national competition last year in Georgia and did well. I am hoping that this year I will do even better.

Now our wonderful community is being threatened by the colossal rowing boathouse Georgetown University wants to build directly upriver from our historic club. I feel that my paddling career would be forever changed by the construction of this boathouse. It would completely transform the river and its surrounding shores that we have grown to know and love. Incoming and outgoing boat traffic that the boathouse would generate would potentially create dangerous collisions. Although our voice is small, we would be the ones facing the consequences of the proposed boathouse for generations to come.

A logical compromise would be to build the Georgetown boathouse downriver from Key Bride. Currently, the land is being used for the storage of construction and traffic equipment. It would be an ideal location for a reasonably sized boathouse. Georgetown could still expand its rowing program without causing further dispute with the Washington Canoe Club.

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