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Ms. Carol Mitten, Chair
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02-30 Georgetown University Boathouse

Dear Ms. Mitten,

Included in my testimony on June 19th, 2003 before the Zoning Commission was the hope that the Commission members visit the proposed site of the Georgetown University boathouse. I understand from my conversation yesterday with the public relations staff member at the Zoning Office that site visits have not been done in at least twenty years, and would present both technical and budgetary stress if scheduled.

I'm writing to underscore the value of such a visit in terms of understanding the issues which have been repeatedly presented to the Commission, such as parking, safety, and scale; to say nothing of the fact that this is not an even "swap" with the National Park Service. This is because the acre currently belonging to Georgetown University could not be used for a boathouse, or probably any other sort of development, and therefore is not equivalent in value to the site proposed for a boathouse.

It seems to me that this case is significant as a precedent for waterfront development in the District and also nationally, as federal land is at stake. Surely it is most important to be able to visualize and balance from first hand observation the issues involved, either through a formal site visit by the Commission or through informal field trips on the part of its members.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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