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Dear Ms. Mitten:

I have been a member of the Washington Canoe Club (WCC) for the past ten years and am very concerned about the negative impact that Georgetown University's proposed new boathouse will have on the surrounding environment in general, and the WCC in particular.

My general concerns include the proposed loss of parkland, loss of wetland, restriction of the view of the Potomac River from the C&O canal, and degradation of the Potomac River water quality. Increased traffic to the site will most likely cause a host of challenges for hikers and bikers using the C&O Canal and the Capital Crescent Trail.

From a WCC perspective, I am concerned that the project poses a potentially serious threat to the physical stability of the historic WCC clubhouse. How will massive construction vehicles traveling close to the canoe club affect building stability? It is likely the loss of trees upstream, the increase of impervious surface next to WCC, and the displacement of soil will all alter hydrology in the area. It seems to me that a permanent pier and the placement of a hard structural surface upstream can cause changes in water flow and will increase erosion and sediment patterns downstream.

In my view, there needs to be a reasonable compromise. The plans for the Georgetown facility, as currently proposed, do not address any of these potentially deleterious problems. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Seth Moshman

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