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Case 02-30
Exhibit 60

May 1, 2003

Dear Ms. Mitten;

re Cases 02-30 and 02-31

I am in opposition to a change in zoning that would allow Georgetown University to construct a large boathouse on Parkland west of Key Bridge. The land should remain unmowed and undeveloped for the following reasons:

* The Potomac River area west of Key Bridge is a scenic treasure of the Nation's Capital and no new development should be permitted there.
* The land at this location forms a public gateway at the entrance of the C+O National Historical Park valued by hikers, bikers, boaters, tourists et al.
* The land is on a flood plain and wetland area - should remain untouched and in the public domain.
* The enormous size of the proposed structure would interfere with scenic views of the surrounding area from the River, C+O canal towpath, & Capital Crescent Trail.
* The private docks extending into the river would restrict boat traffic.

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P.S I would like to speak for 3 minutes at May 19, 2003 zoning meeting

Sincerely,

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