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As the designated representative of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Association, I request participation as a party to the Case 02-30 (Georgetown University & U.S. National Park Service), Monday, May19, 2003.

We intend to appear in opposition to the proposed change and will appear without counsel. The C&O Canal Association is the founding organization that led to the creation of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park 49 years ago and remains the only private organization acting as an advocate and overseer of the C&O Canal NHP. Our charter commits us to the conservation of the natural and historical environment of the C&O Canal and the Potomac River Basin. While we cooperate with the U.S. National Park Service in maintaining and improving the Canal Park, we are independent from them and act as a watchdog on the environment of the Canal Park to ensure that the founding principles of the Park are maintained.

The proposed zoning application falls within out interest as it involves property that is currently part of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Park and directly affects the environment and use of the towpath, the major feature of the Canal Park. The area involved is a heavily used section of the canal and includes an important historical view will be adversely affected. The park is currently estimated to have over 3 million visitors and is the 8th most visited national park.

We intend to show that the proposal adversely affects a crucial part of the Canal Park with testimony from Frederick I. Mopsik and Carl Linden. We request a full allotment of 15 minutes to more clearly present our case.

For efficiency, please direct all correspondence to Frederick I. Mopsik, 6415 79th Street, Cabin John, MD 20818, (301)320-2111 (t), (301)320-2110 (f), fred.mopsik@verizon.net.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick I. Mopsik
Board of Directors,
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