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Ms. Carol Mitten
Chair, D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th St., NW, Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Cases 02-30 and 02-31

Dear Ms. Mitten:

Thanks for the opportunity to submit comment and express my opposition to the zoning change and development of park land west of the Key Bridge for the construction of a private boathouse for Georgetown University.

The trailhead of the C&O Canal National Park and the Capitol Crescent Trail is a beautiful gateway to the commuter and hiker/biker trails. As a daily bike commuter between my home in the Palisades and my office downtown, I appreciate the contrasting transition between the busy K St./Georgetown corridor and the peaceful, natural area immediately west of Key Bridge. Development and construction in the wooded buffer area would significantly distract from the aesthetic beauty of the area. The size of the proposed building and dock would distract from the scenic view surrounding the area.

Thank you for considering my views in opposition to the proposed zoning change.

Sincerely,

Richard Patch

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Exhibit 101

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EXHIBIT NO.101