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Ms. Carol J. Mitten
Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia
441 4th St., NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 2001

Re. Case #02-31

Dear Ms. Mitten:

This is to request that the text amendments in Case #02-31 be denied by the Commission.

The Georgetown University proposal for a private boathouse within the C&O Canal National Historical Park – on a fragile section of tidal land that is subject to flooding, with an 84-inch corroding sewer line under the site, squeezed between the popular Capital Crescent Trail and the river, and close to the steep (and leaking) Canal/Towpath bank -- is inappropriate. The parkland should not be developed.

There is a better alternative for the construction of boathouses outside the park boundary, downstream from Key Bridge, on higher, dry land that is begging to be restored.

In view of the above, no text amendments should be considered in this case – especially #3, pertaining to "matter of right use." By no means should W-1 zone be considered for the proposed boathouse.

Thank you for considering these views.

Sincerely,

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