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Dear Ms. Mitten,

I am a member of the Junior team at Washington Canoe Club. 4-5 times a week year-round we train not only along the Potomac River, but also up and down the Capital Crescent Trail.

The project to build a massive boathouse next to us, belonging to GU would affect us tremendously. I do not see a need for the new boathouse to be **twice as tall and eight times larger than WCC**. WCC is nearing its 100-year anniversary and the structure is still there but it is very frail. We are afraid that the new construction would jeopardize our existence.

But aside from the effect of having a building of such enormous proportions built next door, we will be affected with our use of the Potomac River and of the Capital Crescent trail. The plans include a dock that will jut into the Potomac River over 50 feet. This will effectively wipe out several lanes that we use for practice and competitions.

I request that after a careful review of the GU plans, the request for zoning be denied.

Sincerely,

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