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

April 21, 2003

Ref: Case No. 02-30

Dear Ms. Mitten,

I have used the Capital Crescent Trail to commute to and from my work in downtown DC since I moved to Bethesda 5 years ago. The main reason for the purchase of my house was that it is located a short distance from the Capital Crescent Trail.

I have learned of plans for a massive boathouse to be built on property originally owned by the National Park service and currently unzoned but being swapped with property owned by GU further upstream .

At a presentation given by architects of the project and some representatives of GU we were told that the shear size of this facility would dwarf the Washington Canoe Club that has been standing for nearly 100 years.

We were also told that the GU facility would not have parking on-site but that it would require access for loading and unloading. THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT ALTERING THE COURSE OF THE CAPITAL CRESCENT TRAIL.

I am writing to request that you deny zoning status for this project that is certainly not in favor of the wider community.

Sincerely,

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