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RE: Georgetown University boathouse, Case No. 02-30

Dear Ms. Mitten

I am writing to express my opposition to the planned Georgetown University boathouse upstream from the Key Bridge. The planned structure is excessively large and entirely out of place in its proposed location. I am opposed to the loss of public parkland currently enjoyed by thousands of people from the District and its environs. I am also opposed to the proposed plan because of its detrimental impact on canoe and kayaking activities on the river. It will eliminate the current water traffic separation that allows rowers to safely share the waters with others who wish to boat on the Potomac. Motorboat traffic from the rowing programs, as well as individual rowers who travel in the opposite direction from that in which they look, will inevitably cause mishaps with the vastly less stable kayaks and canoes. Certainly, Georgetown has demonstrated that it can field a competitive rowing program without the addition of a monstrosity on the shores of the Potomac, whose 240 foot docks will extend 50-80 feet into the river and eliminate the kayak and canoe lanes that are used daily by competitive and recreational kayakers and canoers. Please do not rezone the property to accommodate the proposed boathouse.

Sincerely,

Peter Pietra

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Exhibit 29

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District of Columbia
CASE NO.02-31
EXHIBIT NO.29