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April 22, 2003

Carol Mitten
Chair, DC Zoning Commission
441 4th Street NW, Suite 201
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Mitten,

I write you to express concern about the proposed zoning change (Case No. 02-30) in Georgetown. As someone who bikes, hikes and roller-blades the Capital Crescent Trail, I am deeply concerned about the possibility of the trail, the surrounding nature and wildlife, and the Potomac River being disturbed by the construction of a Georgetown University boathouse.

The area of proposed construction is one of the rare places in the greater Washington area where residents have the opportunity to enjoy nature so close to the city. The proposed construction project would not just take away a portion of public parkland, but would interfere with the entire trail, diminish the value of the C&O canal as a tourist attraction, and imperil the native wildlife.

Zoning changes allowing construction in this area would benefit one private institution at the expense of all Washington, DC and area residents who value the existence of nature trails and public parkland.

I urge you to keep this area unzoned, with no new construction.

Respectfully,

Cliff Farbstein

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