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Carol Mitten, Chair
D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW Suite 210
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Dear Chairperson Mitten:

As a former resident of Washington, DC where I was raised and obtained my early education, I enjoyed my access to the Potomac River and our beautiful parks for most of my life. The River and canal were valuable assets during my formative years and later when I belonged to Potomac Boat Club and eventually to the Washington Canoe Club of which I am now an Honorary Life Member, have helped round out my life story. I am a Past President of W.C.C. and upon return from overseas during World War II became active with the Presidents Cup Regatta and assisted with Cherry Blossom Festivals. These experiences led to valued acquaintanceships with such luminaries as Harry T. Thompson, T. Sutton Jett, and various key officials responsible for the Presidents Cup Regatta, etc.

In light of the foregoing I am sure that you and members of your important zoning Commission can understand my concerns regarding the devastating impact the planned structure of a tremendous and overpowering boat house as presently proposed by Georgetown University will have on the shore line of our beautiful Potomac River. Therefore, I reluctantly add my name along with my wife, to the hundreds of those I am certain are viewing with alarm this desecration, in their eyes, of the tranquil and soft beauty of our parkland along this particular area of our historic River.

Sincerely,

William J. Rhodes Ursula Rhodes

William J. Rhodes
and Ursula Rhodes

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