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Dear Ms. Mitten:

This letter is to express my opposition to the development of the former National Park Service property by Georgetown University for the construction of a boathouse. This facility has gone beyond the concept of boathouse and will also be a site for entertainment and fund raising. The very nature of this project has been secretive; there is little public knowledge of what will happen to this natural site. I am sure I represent those who are yet unaware of this building. When the trees start to fall and the Capital Crescent Trail and the canal are impacted there will be an outcry.

I have learned from this experience that Georgetown University is a very powerful political force that has cowed others into silence. I speak on behalf of those who love the Potomac River and its last remaining natural spaces; do not allow this construction to go forward. It will be a tragic loss for the environment and the community.

Sincerely,

Susan S. Helm

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