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Ms. Carol Mitten, Chair
DC Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Case No. 02-30

Dear Ms. Mitten:

I just became aware of GWU's desire to further commercialize the Potomac shore with their boathouse, while also permitting vehicular traffic on the Capital Crescent Trail that is currently reserved solely non-motorized enjoyment. I bike from my Arlington home 2 or 3 times a week across the Key Bridge, down to K Street, then on to the Capital Crescent Trail. I.e. I have a real concern about GWU's further commercialization of the area.

Short and sweet: With two boathouses within a mile of each other and the proposed site, why? GWU's current construction/expansion project has already de-beautified the cliffs above the Potomac, why let them continue with this unwanted intrusion on the remaining serenity of the area? And again, why will three (3) boathouses within a mile of each other serve a real purpose.

Then of course we get to the 400 foot strip of the Capital Crescent Trial to be opened to vehicular traffic. What more can one say than "You gotta be kidding."

Please help maintain what little more serenity there may be to the area and DO NOT GRANT GWU THE VARIANCE!

Sincerely yours,

A very concerned citizen

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