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Carol Mitten, Chair
D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th St., NW, Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Ms. Mitten:

RE: Case No. 02-30

I write to oppose the rezoning of the land along the Potomac River just upstream from Georgetown that Georgetown University proposes to use for a new boathouse.

The land along the river belongs to all of us, not to a few. As one who bikes the Capital Crescent Trail on some workdays to work, and as someone who uses the Capital Crescent Trail and the C & O Canal trail frequently, I am opposed to further development in this critical habitat area. The area along the Georgetown waterfront is becoming a jewel in the park areas of Washington, a place that offers recreation and escape for city dwellers and visitors, as well as a refuge for wildlife of all types. When the remainder of the park is completed, the area will attract even more visitors than it enjoys right now. As we move to make this area more of a recreational hub for many more people, I cannot understand that at the same time we would allow essentially an exclusive, private club to build a large, obstructing structure that degrades the environment, increases traffic, and reduces the ability of all citizens to enjoy this beautiful area.

I oppose any move to increase development of private facilities along this public stretch of historic riverfront.

Sincerely yours,

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