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Ms. Carol Mitten, Chair
DC Zoning Commission
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Dear Ms. Mitten,

As a DC resident living near the Potomac River who often walks to Georgetown along the Crescent Trail, I am most concerned about the boathouse which Georgetown University proposes to construct just up river from Key Bridge.

The size of the boathouse (length of football field, four stories high), the facts that it would occupy wetland, that its practice tanks and central air conditioning would contain chemicals which would empty into the river at times of flood, and that there is no room for parking or vehicular traffic on the site, argue the horror of such an enterprise.

I feel strongly that the entire C & O Canal National Historic Park riverfront from Key Bridge west to the District Line should be zoned to eliminate any new development. This would prevent the boathouse or any other structure from being constructed and protect our increasingly precious wild land and its habitats. It would guarantee that the boaters, bikers, hikers, and all others who are sustained by such wild land will not be deprived of the opportunity to do so.

Thank you for your attention.

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Sincerely yours,

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