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Dear Ms. Mitten,

I am strongly opposed to developing the National Parkland along the Potomac River with the proposed new boathouse. The land should remain unzoned.

As an avid bicyclist, I am concerned about the effect it will have on the Capital Crescent trail and on accessing the trail from Water Street under Key Bridge. There would be a huge impact during the long construction phase, but even after construction is completed, the trail will still be affected by more traffic and it will block the view to the river from the trail. The Capital Crescent trail is one of the best in the area. It would be a shame to block access in Georgetown. In addition to recreational cyclists, many commuters use this trail to get to work. If it becomes more difficult to use, some commuters may drive their cars instead of riding their bikes to work, which will affect congestion all over the city.

As a boater, I am concerned with the effect it will have on the river. The proposed docks will stick out far into the river blocking the flow of traffic upstream near the shore. It will also interfere with races at the Washington Canoe Club. And it will significantly affect the view from the river and from the Virginia shore.

As a conservationist, I am concerned with the effect it will have on wildlife. As I paddle on the river or ride my bike along the shore, I am always amazed at the amount and variety of wildlife that lives so close to our city. Developing this land will take away their habitat and affect much more than the immediate land being developed.

The size of the proposed boathouse is much larger than any of the current facilities on the shores of the Potomac. Why does it have to be so big?

Please keep this land unzoned.

Sincerely,

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