Good evening ladies & gentlemen,

My name is Donald V. Lincoln, and I reside at Watergate East, 2500 Virginia Avenue, N.W. in the District. I have lived at the Watergate and Foggy Bottom for a little over four years now.

I am here this evening to lend my full support to The George Washington University's application to convert the existing parking lot in the 2000 block of F Street, N.W. into a residence hall. I attended a GWU briefing on what I consider to be a well-designed building on September 2nd last year and added my support for its construction before the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts a month later on October 16th.

Thinking back on my own university days at Northwestern back in the '50s, I am convinced that having as much of the student body housed on the campus as is possible is in everyone's best interests. The proposed new residence hall will certainly significantly help the university in doing this. Having recently learned that there will be retail space on the street level that will be open to the public is welcome news. I believe we need more retail activity in Foggy Bottom, and I'm most grateful that The George Washington University has plans to support this need.

As a near final note, I'd like to let you know that I consider The George Washington University to be a good neighbor. I appreciate the "college town" atmosphere it lends to Foggy Bottom, and I'm happy to see young people the neighborhood. As a member of the Friends group, I often have contact with the students, and I am most impressed by what an outstanding group of actively involved young people we have sharing the Foggy Bottom neighborhood.

In closing, I ask that you too support this worthwhile project and give it an expeditious approval.

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