

January 30, 2006

Dr. John J. DeGioia
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Washington, DC 20057

Re. Georgetown University Boathouse

Dear Dr. DeGioia:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter I sent to Mrs. Teresa Heinz Kerry.

The other day I was given a copy of a press release issued by the Georgetown University Student Association, dated January 12, 2005. It was issued in connection with the scoping session on the Environmental Assessment for the Georgetown University boathouse proposal. The GUSA press release states in part:

“[The university] must take seriously the ongoing concerns of members of the public. The environmental issues which are being raised – these are all valid issues. The university has a responsibility as a member of the DC community to treat our city well, and that means responsible development safeguarded by assurances that we are acting in the best interests of not just Georgetown University, but also the neighborhood, the city, and ultimately, the earth. *** [T]he public raised a number of serious issues. Knowing how well the university has responded to all of the concerns that this project has produced in the past, we can be sure that the university will make a good faith effort to answer any and all remaining environmental questions. *** [In this way] we can be comfortable that the university is doing everything properly.”

I applaud the courage and sensitivity of your students. Based on the comments I have made to Mrs. Kerry, I am not convinced that the Georgetown University administration has met the challenge laid down by your student body. With that in mind, please consider carefully the contents of the enclosed letter. Incidentally, I would be pleased to arrange a site visit for you as well as Mrs. Kerry.

Sincerely yours,

Robert B. Norris

cc. Mrs. Kerry

