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Honorable Fran P. Mainella
Director, National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
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Washington, D.C. 20240

Re. Georgetown University Boathouse

Dear Ms. Mainella:

As a friend and guardian of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historic Park (C&ONHP), the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Association (C&OCA), is dedicated to the Park's natural and historical environment. C&OCA is opposed to the transfer of public land to any individual or enterprise for private use. In the case of the Georgetown University (GU) boathouse, we hold up the premise that the National Park Service is entrusted to preserve the park for public use. Our intention is to work with other like-minded organizations and through all proper channels to prevent an exclusive Georgetown University (GU) boathouse inside the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historic Park.

It is my understanding that the GU Boathouse Environmental Assessment (EA) is being redeveloped. In the past, C&OCA was excluded as an interested party and not fully informed of the EA. Yet, the Georgetown Waterfront Commission, an informal, unofficial, and private group was heavily engaged. This, I believe, is contrary to NPS policy and NEPA requirements that call for adequate public participation in the process. At the zoning hearings, C&OCA was recognized as an interested party to represent the interests of the park since the NPS role in the application presented a conflict of interest. Therefore, I hereby request that C&OCA be included in any National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) discussions and/or proceedings.

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