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Mr. Kevin Brandt  
Superintendent, C&O Canal National Historical Park  
1850 Dual Highway, Suite 100  
Hagerstown, Md. 21742

Re: Georgetown University boathouse proposal-scoping comments (EIS)  
GU upstream property (Tract 102-109 is unbuildable)

Dear Mr. Brandt:

In the announcement of its intention to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Georgetown University boathouse proposal, the Park Service stated that it would consider alternative sites for this boathouse including the site about a mile upstream from Key Bridge owned by the University.

The Park Service, as well as Georgetown University, knows full well that this site is unbuildable especially for the large collegiate boathouse envisioned by the University. In short, listing this site as a possible alternative location for the University's boathouse is nothing but a canard.

In support of my contention, I enclose for the record a copy of my letter of June 12, 2006, in which I asserted that the proposed land exchange between the Park Service and Georgetown University was not a swap, but a governmental giveaway. That letter was part of my submission on the Georgetown University boathouse EA proposal of April, 2006. I ask that this letter and the referenced material be made part of the administrative record in the pending EIS.

Respectfully submitted,

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