

**Robert B. Norris**  
**1801 45<sup>th</sup> Street, NW**  
**Washington, DC 20007**  
**(202) 333-3925**

January 7, 2008

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)  
Health and safety concerns of C&O Canal NHP site

Dear Mr. Brandt:

Besides the obvious adverse environmental concerns of locating an undeniably large boathouse 1,250 ft. inside the C&O Canal NHP, the site also poses health and safety concerns.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter I wrote you on June 28, 2006, in which I described a pollution problem caused by a sewer outlet about 400 yards upriver and above the EIS-identified alternative site within the C&O Canal NHP.

Also, this site would only be accessible over the Capital Crescent Trail which is used by hikers and bikers and just strollers every day of the year. According to the Capital Crescent Trail 2006 Use Survey, this part of the Trail is visited on a weekly basis by over 18,000 users. This heavy traffic clearly raises a significant safety concern.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert B. Norris

Enc.

