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Honorable Fran Mainella, Director  
National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, N.W., Room 3112  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Director Mainella:

I write to amend my correspondence dated May 9, 2006, regarding the Georgetown University Boathouse Environmental Assessment. In light of new information provided to my office, I can no longer encourage a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in support of the "Preferred Alternative" (of Alternative C) laid out in the Environmental Assessment.

While I continue to believe this project has the potential to serve as an important step forward in implementation of the 1987 Georgetown Waterfront Park Plan, and believe the proposed boathouse can free up badly needed space at Thompson Boat Center (out of which a number of high school crew teams in my congressional district row), I now have some concerns about some elements of the Environmental Assessment. These concerns include: a lack of information or analysis on the impact of the proposed construction on the C&O Canal embankment; questions surrounding the EA's finding that there will no impact on water velocity; and a lack of attention to the likely disruption to those using the path during construction.

I would respectfully ask that my amended comments be added to the public record for this project.

Sincerely,



Tom Davis  
Chairman