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Dear Parents:

Greetings from the Office of Parent Services and the Office of Community Relations at The George Washington University. As those who have visited the University are likely aware, one of the great benefits of attending GW is its location in the Foggy Bottom/West End and Foxhall communities. We enjoy numerous cultural activities as well as world class shopping, restaurants, and entertainment opportunities, not to mention a location mere blocks from where our country's decision makers and policy leaders are at work.

Recognizing the importance of our community to life at GW, the University is committed to being a good neighbor and contributing to the overall quality of the surrounding community. The Office of Community Relations and the Office of Off-Campus Student Affairs demonstrate this commitment and work in partnership with students and neighbors to address concerns and make a better community for all who live, work and study here.

In response to quality of life concerns raised by GW's Foggy Bottom neighbors resulting from the limited number of parking spaces on the streets in and around the Foggy Bottom campus – and recognizing the broad availability of public transportation - the District of Columbia Zoning Commission has imposed a condition on the University that imposes certain restrictions on student parking. This condition is one of several that permit the University to build a substantial amount of additional space on the Foggy Bottom campus to meet long-term academic, research, student housing and other University space needs.

In accordance with this condition, freshman and sophomore students are prohibited from bringing vehicles to the Foggy Bottom campus except in exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances may include, for example, transportation needs related to a disability or health condition of the student or member of his/her family. Requests by freshmen and sophomores for a policy exception due to exceptional circumstances must be documented by the student and approved by the University through its Office of Parking Services. Any violation of this policy shall be grounds for discipline under the University's Code of Student Conduct. A complete copy of the University's on campus parking policy can be found online at: <http://my.gwu.edu/files/policies/ParkingRestrictionsFINAL.pdf> and a request for exception can be made by visiting the Parking Office website at <http://parking.gwu.edu> and completing the exception request form.

Additionally, while freshman and sophomore students who live at the Mount Vernon campus may bring cars and park their vehicles at the Mount Vernon campus, these students may not drive their cars to/from the Foggy Bottom campus, as outlined above.

We appreciate your attention to these good neighbor issues and look forward to welcoming your student to the University and the broader Foggy Bottom/West End and Foxhall communities in the coming school year.

Sincerely,

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