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Dear Residents of Potomac and FSK Halls and Building JJ:

With the fall semester starting next week, we want to provide you with an update on construction of the new Law Learning Center Garage in the 2000 block of G Street near your residence hall. Located in the 2000 block of G Street, this project will house one level of program space for GW’s Law School and four levels of underground parking. While the university plans to construct the above-ground building at a future date, construction of this project is necessary now so GW will remain in compliance with its campus plan and offset the loss of parking spaces resulting from this summer’s demolition of the University Parking Garage to prepare for constructing the new Science and Engineering Hall.

As you can imagine, residents living near this site will experience some noise and other inconveniences as a result of this construction activity – especially during excavation activities that will begin this fall. While we apologize in advance for these disturbances and are working with our contractors to minimize (to the extent possible) the impact to neighboring buildings, we also realize that creating a world-class campus requires all of us to be patient during the upcoming phases of campus development.

All demolition and construction work will occur during hours permitted by the District of Columbia for construction: Monday to Saturday, between 7am-7pm, except in special/pre-approved circumstances (which will be announced to surrounding residence halls when possible) and/or emergency situations. We are also working with the contractors to schedule, to the extent possible, especially noisy work to begin later in the morning. Our goal is to start such exceptionally noisy activities after 8 a.m. on weekdays and after 9:00 am on Saturdays. To be clear, work will occur on site beginning at 7:00 am, but we are making our best effort to delay the start of some noisy construction activities.

We will continue to update you throughout the fall on this project’s progress, including several informational sessions in your residence hall lobby early in the semester that will be advertised in advance. We also invite you to follow construction activity at the university’s neighborhood website: www.neighborhood.gwu.edu/cd.

Thank you, in advance, for your patience. Your cooperation will greatly contribute to the success of this endeavor and will help enhance GW’s prestige as a world-class research university. If you have questions before move-in, please contact talktogw@gwu.edu.

Sincerely,

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