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Ms. Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA
Director
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW, Suite 210-S
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Application No. 16740 - 2989 Arizona Avenue, NW

Dear Ms. Kress:

My neighbors and I appeared before you just two years ago at Public Hearings for adoption of Chain Bridge Road/ University Terrace Tree and Slope Protection Overlay District (TSP). Among other things, the TSP established minimum lot size of 9,500 square feet for newly created building lots, maximum coverage of 30 percent for new construction and most importantly, limits on the number and type of trees that can be removed from a property.

It is my understanding Jacobson Builders Inc. was informed, prior to their purchase, in writing, of the TSP regulations governing the lot located at 2989 Arizona Avenue, NW. However, upon receipt of a building permit erroneously issued by the District of Columbia, Jacobson Builders proceeded to clear-cut the thickly wooded mature trees, in direct violation of the TSP regulations. And as further insult to residents of the local community, Jacobson Builders has asked the Board of Zoning Adjustment to completely ignore their flagrant act and allow them to proceed with construction of a house on the property.

I urge Board of Zoning Adjustment to send a message to Jacobson Builders that they cannot thumb their noses at local laws and do as they wish without consequences. I ask that you 1) require Jacobson Builders to re-forest the lot and 2) place a "no-construction" covenant on the property such that no house can be built on it for a period of seven years to prevent Jacobson Builders from developing it under a different name or ownership.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Narayan Ahuja

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