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April 19, 2002

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Carol Mitten, Chair
and Members of the District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Ellen McCarthy Office of D.C. Office of Planning

**Re: Proposed Forest Hills Tree and Slope Overlay Regulation,
Zoning Commission Case No. 02-19**

Dear Ms. Mitten, Members of the D.C. Zoning Commission
and Ms. McCarthy:

I am writing on behalf of the Forest Hills Neighborhood Alliance, a nonprofit District of Columbia association with over 400 members, dedicated to the preservation of historic sites and the special landscape quality of the Forest Hills neighborhood. Because of our application to the District of Columbia Preservation Review Board, the Owl's Nest at 3031 Gates Road as been designated as a historic landmark site. Valuable oaks and other trees more than 100 years old grow on this site and other sites within the Forest Hills neighborhood. The Owl's Nest site is itself a high point in the neighborhood which drains directly into Soap Stone Valley and Rock Creek Park. The proposed tree and slope overlay regulation on your schedule today can play a critical role in protecting the Owl's Nest site and other important areas in Forest Hills from destructive development that could mean the death and removal of large trees of historic character and increase an unwanted runoff to the nearby parks and streams. Members of our organization are active on the Ad Hoc Tree and Slope Overlay Committee of ANC-3F and we strongly support the efforts of that committee which has produced a quality overlay proposal.

We strongly urge the District of Columbia Zoning Commission to keep the Owl's Nest site at 3031 Gates Road, N.W. and all adjacent property in the overlay, and we ask that the Commission set down this proposal for a hearing at which any appropriate changes can be duly considered.

We would be pleased to provide you with any information which may assist you in your consideration of the overlay, and we thank you for your consideration of our request.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary G. Stevens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gary" being more prominent and the last name "Stevens" following in a similar style.

Gary G. Stevens
President, Forest Hills Neighborhood Alliance

cc: Dave Bardin and George Clark, Co-Chairs, ANC-3F,
Ad Hoc Tree and Slope Committee