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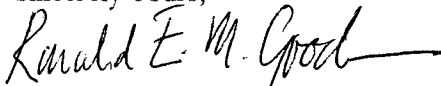
Re: Case No. 02-19 (Text Amendment – Forest Hills Tree and Slope Overlay)

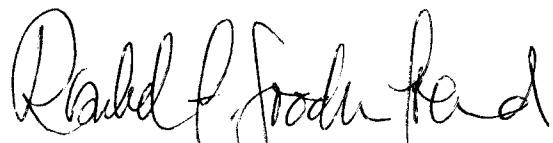
Dear Mr. Bastida:

We are writing in strong support of the Forest Hills Tree and Slope Overlay. The woodland character of our neighborhood, adjacent to Rock Creek Park, is defined by its trees and natural slopes. Unfortunately, due to rampant new house construction, these trees and slopes are now rapidly disappearing. Not only is there a "fill-in" attitude, but developers are also seen to remove trees from lots, whether this is necessary or not for construction. Our beautiful community is rapidly becoming just another cityscape. This has consequences for remaining trees, too: they need space to thrive, space that is being removed by developers. Increasing the minimum lot size from 7,500 to 12,000 square feet will go a long way to halt this tragedy.

Please approve this zoning change to save our community and city.

Sincerely Yours,


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