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October 2, 2002

Alberto P. Bastido, AICP
Secretary of the Zoning Commission
Office of Zoning
441 14th Street, N.W., Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

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

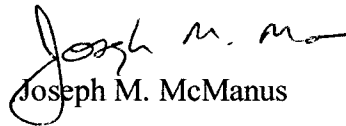
Dear Mr. Bastido:

I live within the planned Overlay District and I am writing to urge the Commission to adopt the above referenced amendment. This amendment is needed to preserve the mature trees and natural topography of this area. Even the most casual passerby in my neighborhood could not help but observe the wholesale destruction of the tree canopy in the last year or less, and indeed that the pace of this destruction is accelerating.

I believe that preservation of the remaining mature trees is essential to help maintain the air quality, the reduction of noise and the character of this neighborhood. In addition, the relentless pace of felling trees in this area is also having an adverse effect on the public open spaces and parks in this area, even Rock Creek Park and the creek itself is being destroyed by the erosion of slopes which are eventually carried into the creek. As a daily visitor with my dog to Soapstone Valley, I see the ever increasing destruction of this area which should be valued as a treasure of the City.

The preservation of these treasures is both a civic duty and, in the long run, and in the best interests of the City and its neighborhoods. I urge the adoption of this much needed amendment.

Sincerely,


Joseph M. McManus

cc: ANC 3F
Commissioner
Forest Hills Citizen Association

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Exhibit 284

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