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Alberto P. Bastida
Secretary of the Zoning Commission
Office of Zoning, Suite 210
441 4th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. Bastida:

I am writing to you in reference to Case No. 02-19 (Text Amendment - Forest Hills Tree and Slope Overlay District). My wife and I have lived in the same house in Forest Hills since 1959, and we have a strong feeling for the beauty of this neighborhood of ours.

We are strongly in favor of the Tree and Slope Overlay proposal that you will be considering on June 10. There have been many changes in the neighborhood since we moved here forty-three years ago. Many of them have improved the environment. Unfortunately, however, others have been detrimental: spacious lots have been divided up so that more homes can be built on them, and very often when this happens, beautiful, old trees have had to be sacrificed. This is a situation that effects all of us not only for esthetic reasons, but also for the ecological health of the neighborhood.

It may be that special circumstances will require individual treatment, but we feel that these can be handled within the basic framework of the Tree and Slope Overlay initiative.

Therefore, we urge you to consider the Tree and Slope Overlay initiative favorably.

Thank you for your consideration, and thank you and the Commission for your dedicated service to the people of the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,



Don Oberdorfer

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