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

Dear Mr. Bastida:

My wife and I are writing in strong support of the Forest Hills Tree and Slope Overlay.

When we moved into our home in 1968, there were two specimen copper beech trees on the grounds of the Nicaraguan Embassy in the 3200 block of Ellicott St. N.W. The estate was subsequently sold and now there are 20 houses and no copper beeches. The Smithsonian Institution spent about one million dollars in attempting to save a tree of the same species in the park above the African Museum. We frequently walk past the site on Ellicott St. and still miss these magnificent trees. We believe that proper zoning in Forest Hills could have prevented this tragedy. Unfortunately the tragedy is continuing.

We are proud to live in this beautiful city and chose to build our house in Forest Hills because of its trees and park-like environment. Increasing lot size and placing restrictions on cutting trees would cause developers to think carefully before planning to clear and build.

We need your help to prevent further destruction of our environment.

Sincerely yours,

Charles Feldman *Estelle Feldman*
Charles and Estelle Feldman

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