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Ms. Carol Mitten, Chair
Zoning Commission
D.C. Office of Zoning
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Re: Zoning Commission Case No. 02-19 (Text Amendment - Forest Hills
Tree and Slope Overlay District.)

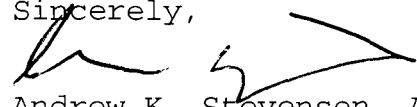
Dear Ms. Mitten,

Our family resides at 2955 Albemarle St. NW. in the Forest Hills neighborhood. We are longtime residents of the District. We are writing you to register our strong opposition to this proposal. The proposal represents an unwarranted and unfair intrusion into the private affairs of residents; and is the type of regulation that inhibits and discourages the evolution of vibrant, comfortable neighborhoods that serve the needs and support the well being of the inhabitants. This is particularly applicable close in to the City, where from a planning standpoint we should expect higher densities in general.

The current zoning regulations for this area provide for the least dense residential development in the City: minimum lot size of 7500 s.f. I do not see the need or advisability of increasing this size by almost 1 2/3 times, while at the same time doubling the side yard setback and reducing the lot occupancy percentage. This is after all a city neighborhood, not a rural one. Future residents should not be prevented from doing with their property what they wish and should be able to build new houses or add to an existing building without being any more burdened or inconvenienced by regulation than those who already occupy their homes and may have no intention, need or desire to expand or alter their houses.

Finally, I respectfully suggest that the Commission be cautious about broadening the scope of the Zoning Regulations to include topography and flora. These matters do not have much, if anything, to do with the normal purview of zoning regulations and should be left to the individual property owners to take care of.

Sincerely,



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