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Washington, DC 20008
June 12, 2002

Albert P. Bastida
Secretary of the Zoning Commission
Office of Zoning, Suite 210
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Support for Forest Hills Tree and Slope Overlay, Case 02-19

Dear Mr. Bastida:

As residents of Forest Hills for the past 27 years, I am writing to support the above mentioned Overlay. We have lived in our home in the District all these years supporting the DC government by paying higher taxes than our suburban neighbors and going without voting representation in Congress.

My husband and I understand that the purposes of the Overlay District are to preserve the natural topography and mature trees in the neighborhood as well as to prevent any adverse impact on open spaces, parkland, stream beds or other environmentally sensitive natural areas. In addition, the Overlay hopes to limit permitted ground coverage of new and expanded buildings and other construction. This is particularly needed in our area as builders are destroying mature trees which have taken generations to grow in favor of constructing as many small houses as they can fit on their lots, not for the benefit of the neighborhood, but for their own immediate financial gain.

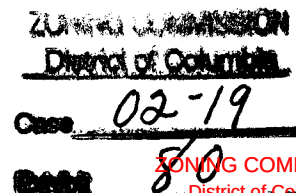
All the goals of the Overlay meet with our desires both esthetically and for the ecological health of the neighborhood. Thus, we urge you to approve the Tree and Slope Overlay initiative. Please, also inform us if there is any further action we can take to ensure the speedy adoption of the Overlay.

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

Sincerely,

Florence R Hart

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District of Columbia
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