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Thank you Council members for listening.

My name is Tesla Doughman. I'm speaking on behalf of my family: Finn and Ken Doughman, and Linsey Griffith. We live at 419 Taylor Ave, Delaware.

We ask the city council to apply our current City tree preservation language and standards to ALL new development, regardless of application for PMUs or other zoning variances.

I'm worried about my future because I'm worried about the environment. Our new home has a beautiful forest next to it that Mr Friedman wants to cut down and sell for a profit, then he wants to build a bunch of houses on it, without paying into the city's tree fund to replace the trees he cuts down and sells. I'm very thankful he wants to put a park at the end of my street, but I hate to see the forest be cut down and all of the wildlife lose their habitat.

It is so important for Cities to maintain their tree canopy.

1. Trees improve air quality
2. Trees improve water quality and reduce flooding. (We already have problems with downtown flooding, how much worse will it be when we lose 100 acres of forest upstream?)
3. Trees temper the climate and prevent heat islands within cities.
4. Trees conserve energy and serve to store carbon.
5. Trees are good for the economy- homes with trees nearby are valued 9-15% higher than homes without trees.
6. Trees create plant and animal habitats.
7. Trees improve health - physical and mental. Studies show kids like me, with ADD, are better able to focus and when they spend time outside around trees and greenery.
8. Trees reduce crime- neighborhoods with trees statistically report less criminal activity than those without.
9. Trees reduce noise pollution.
10. Trees promote community.

I'm a third generation resident of Delaware, and I'm the future of Delaware. Please, protect our city and our community by protecting our trees. We already have tree preservation policies in place. We are asking you to enforce them on ALL new development. Kids like my brother and I have to depend on adults to do the right thing NOW, to ensure we have a future here.

Thank you for your time and your attention.

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