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Dear Ms. Robertson,

I am writing to encourage you to support the addition to Shoreline's Tree Code of the amendment that a permit be required by landowners and builders before removing trees measuring 24" in breast-height diameter. As a 48-year resident of Shoreline (first in Richmond Highlands, and now in Hillwood), I feel strongly that we need to do more to conserve our beautiful, mature trees as our city grows.

When I first moved here while working in the University District, the relief I felt when the bus I rode entered Shoreline's tree-canopied streets is something I still feel but is now at risk of being severely lessened. We moved from our original home on Fremont Ave N. to our current property which is home to numerous firs and cedars estimated to be 70 years old. We feel that our trees benefit others and our climate overall, not just ourselves and are worth preserving more than ever. Recently, I have been aware of how many trees have come down on properties all around us.

By requiring a permit to remove trees when they are younger and smaller than the ones currently allowed to be removed without a permit, my hope is that home owners and builders will pause before considering their actions. Tree removal is expensive; adding over \$200 for a permit may delay a hasty decision and protect the highly beneficial and beautiful trees throughout Shoreline.

Please enthusiastically support the amendment!

Sincerely,

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