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Subject: CC2035 Testimony

Since first visiting the Japanese Garden in 1971, I have introduced it to scores of friends and family; and since becoming a tour guide in 2000 I have shared this unique world with thousands more. All who visit, stand awed by the dramatic view that includes "our Mt. Fuji." Most important to me personally, however, is the Garden as respite, a place to think and regain equilibrium during family illness and loss. With the panoramic view as backdrop, my husband and I sat for a portrait with our daughter after her graduation in 1987 from Cleveland High School (visible between downtown and Mt. Tabor). I urge the City to protect this shrinking view that becomes etched in the memories of all who visit the Japanese Garden.

Sincerely,  
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