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Resource Management Division  
c/o Jonathan Bowman  
225 North Center Street  
Westminster, MD 21157-6393

**RE: Variance Request Letter for the removal or disturbance of specimen trees in poor or fair condition**  
**Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_ File# \_\_\_\_\_ Variance# \_\_\_\_\_**

Dear Mr. Bowman:

As indicated on the attached application, a variance is being sought that would allow the owner/developer of the above referenced project to remove specimen trees \_\_\_\_\_ and disturb specimen trees \_\_\_\_\_. All of the trees listed are in poor or fair condition.

Section 150.14(A) of the Carroll County Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances states that the County may grant a variance from any of the technical requirements included in the Chapter if it can be proven that adherence would result in unnecessary hardship, would result in environmental degradation, or would not be necessary to fulfill the purpose of the Chapter.

The special conditions or exceptional circumstances peculiar to this property that prevent the owner/developer from complying with Section 150.06(B) are as follows:

- The trees present a safety hazard and removing them will improve the environment of the developed site.
- The trees are in conflict with planned site improvements and reasonable alternatives have been exhausted.
- This project has been designed to preserve the highest priority environmental resources and concentrate development in non-sensitive areas. Preventing the removal of the trees is an unnecessary hardship.
- This project received preliminary forest conservation plan approval prior to the requirement that specimen tree removal or disturbance receive a variance. Applying this standard is an unnecessary hardship.

In addition, it is my belief that in your evaluation of this request, you will find the following to be true:

- Granting this variance will not confer any special privilege that would be denied to others.
- This variance request is not based on conditions or circumstances which are the result of actions by the owner/developer.
- This request does not arise from a condition relating to land or building use, permitted or nonconforming, on a neighboring property.
- Granting this variance will not adversely affect water quality or result in an environmentally degraded condition on or off site.

Sincerely,

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Applicant

VARIANCE GRANTED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date

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Christopher Heyn, P.E.  
Director  
Department of Planning and Land Management

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Jonathan Bowman  
Forest Conservation Specialist