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Re: BZA Application No. 16648
Hearing Date: March 20, 2001
Statement of Opposition

Dear Mr. Stockwell,

As a new member of the Capitol Hill community, I have lived at 708 3rd St., NE for 5 months, I am aware of BP Amoco's proposal to expand a gas station in the 300 block of H Street, NE. I oppose expansion of the gas station for the following reasons:

1. A large gas station, pump canopy, and one-story mini mart would detract from the neighborhood, diminish the sense of pride in the community that I moved into the area to experience, and decrease property values.

2. A consensus (all communities surrounding the site) counter-proposal allowing for development of the site by Amoco while meeting the Community's concerns was developed by the Stanton Park Neighborhood Association at the request of Amoco, but totally ignored by Amoco officials. They have totally demolished most of the existing buildings on the site, I assume, in preparation to do what they originally proposed without any concern shown for objections of the Community they should be supporting.

3. The H Street Corridor and adjacent neighborhood needs new business, jobs, and Neighborhood-serving retail activities – not a project that provides minimal employment or benefits to the District of Columbia and specifically to the Capital Hill neighborhoods it is part of.

I urge you to reject this corporate brashness by rejecting Amoco's proposed expansion and give the neighborhood back to District communities.

Sincerely,

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