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Chairperson Robert Sockwell
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

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

Dear Mr. Sockwell:

As a member of the Capitol Hill community, I have lived at 724 3rd Street, NE for 33 years. 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 station for the following reasons:

1. A large gas station, pump canopy, and one-story mini mart would detract from the neighborhood, and decrease nearby property values.

2. The H Street Corridor and adjacent neighborhood needs new businesses, jobs, and neighborhood serving retail activities — not a project that provides minimal employment or benefits to the District of Columbia for the convenience of suburban commuters.

3. The project will bring increased noise, traffic, car exhaust, and other problems such as loitering in the neighborhood. The large scale, 24 hour operation is inappropriate at this location, will cause problems for nearby residents, and is inconsistent withe District's efforts to stabilize the adjoining residential neighborhoods.

4. H Street does need development, but not this kind of development. There is a far better use such a large, highly visible property with excellent access to many forms of public transit.

I urge you to reject this proposed expansion.

Sincerely,

Barrington & Venita Waddell

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