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*Chairperson Robert Sockwell*
*Board of Zoning Adjustment*
*441 Fourth St. N.W, suite 210*
*Washington, D.C. 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 722 4th street N.E. for 2 years , I am aware of BP Amoco's proposal to expand a gas station in the 300 block of H street, N.E. I oppose expansion of the gas station for the following reasons:*
*1. A gigantic gas station, pump canopy, and one-story mini-mart would detract from the neighborhood, the architectural design is intrusive and out of place in a neighborhood with the Capitol Hill architecture, and ultimately would decrease the desirability for potential residential neighborhood friendly development.*

*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 to the neighborhood. The large scale, 24 hours operation is inappropriate at this location, will cause problems for nearby residents and is inconsistent with the District's effort to stabilize the adjoining residential neighborhoods.*

*4. H street does need development, but not this kind of development. There is a far better use for such a large, highly visible property with excellent access to many forms of public transit and a desperate need for retail facilities.*

*I urge you to reject this proposed expansion.*

*Sincerely,*

*Noel Quinn*

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