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

Dear Mr. Sockwell:

I am writing to express my ~~strong~~ opposition to the proposed expansion of the gas station in the 300 block of H Street, N.E. I see no reason that this project should continue and am offended by BP Amoco's approach over the last year.

The former gas station was poorly managed and dangerous to both customers and neighbors. Throughout its presentations to the neighbors, BP Amoco has never given any assurance that a new station would be any safer than the previous station. This is an affront to me and my neighbors and I do not appreciate BP Amoco's silence on this issue.

In addition, BP-Amoco has only half-heartedly addressed any other concerns

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that the neighbors have raised. This has been insulting as many of the people in the room have professional backgrounds in design & planning and certainly know best what our neighborhood needs.

Our neighborhood needs access to stores and services and should not be a fueling stop for those traveling between the Suburbs & downtown DC.

My husband and I have invested a significant amount of time, energy and money into making our neighborhood a better place. BP Amoco has no interest in the people that will end up living near their poorly planned and inappropriate use of the corner of 3rd and H, NE.

I strongly urge you to reject this project because it is inappropriate for the neighborhood and squanders the opportunity to have a truly valuable asset at 3rd and H. Also, I believe you should reject this project because of the way in which the neighbors have been ignored by BP-Amoco.

Sincerely,

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