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

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

Dear Mr. Sockwell,

As a twelve-year member of the Capitol Hill community, I have lived at 709 3rd Street, NE, for just over three 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 gas 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 to the neighborhood. The large scale, 24-hour operation is inappropriate at this location, will cause problems for nearby residents, and is inconsistent with the 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 for such a large, highly visible property with excellent access to many forms of public transit.

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The above was submitted to me as a suggested format for this letter, and I agree in total with the content. I urge you to reject this proposed expansion.

Sincerely,



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