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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:

I've lived at 326 G St NE for 3½ 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. The BP Amoco proposal is --

- Pedestrian-unfriendly. I live here because like to walk where I go. The community is friendly to pedestrians. Amoco's block-wide gas station poses a hazard to pedestrians and will discourage people from walking into or out my neighborhood. It will reverse the effects of the "Hopscotch Kids" bridge art.
- Architecturally unfitting. The block-long uniformity, the sleek pump canopy and minimal one-story mart don't complement the row-houses and H Street businesses in the neighborhood– rather, the bigger gas station will demoralize our old construction, make it appear to sag and deflate.
- Damaging to H Street economic revival. By injuring the historic, urban character of the neighborhood, Amoco is mocking the prospects for urbanly-pleasant, appropriate restoration or development of the area.
- Injurious to unity of community. The proposed larger gas station will be a wedge between the north-of- and south-of-H-Street blocks, forever dividing in two this unique area of old row-houses that should be preserved in one piece. This will consign the north half to years more of depression.
- Bad for air quality. The project will greatly increase the auto exhaust and fuel fumes. It is bad for this densely populated area.

I urge you to reject this proposed expansion.

Thank you.

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