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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 322 G Street NE for over a year. As a fairly new resident I am aware, and concerned of BP Amoco's proposal to expand to 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 degrease 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.

I urge you to reject this proposed expansion.

Sincerely, Paul Lomeli

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