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Mr. Robert Sockwell
Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Washington, DC 20001

Attn: Ms. Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA, Director, Office of Zoning
Re: Application 16648 – BP Amoco for a Special Exception

Dear Mr. Sockwell,

For more than 30 years BP Amoco has been our neighbor. Their site was poorly maintained, poorly lighted and because their method of doing business was mainly a single person operation, where a cashier was placed inside a small space to collect customers' money, they have failed our community terribly.

Now, they want more space, and have promised the community for months that they will be a better neighbor. Why would any of us trust them? Why would we invest our trust in an organization that has for nearly a year now, not been honest and forthright with most of the community? Many questions have gone unanswered, and for the most part, they have not been honest in their dealings with any of us.

Their attempt to now take a last minute effort and reduce the size of the original proposed plan is simply a way to further disrespect the community and the people that call this section of Capitol hill our home.

I personally attended 6-8 meetings and intently listened to the representatives of BP Amoco talk about their plan. They've never fully answered many of our questions concerning where the new revenue to support this expansion will come from. But frankly, all of us know it is from motorists that do not live near the proposed location. They instead will advertise to draw from many major sections of our city and the suburbs. Thus creating more traffic, more noise, more pollution. Something we do not want or need.

As Commissioner of 6A03, my single member district is directly located across the street of the 3rd and H. Street, NE location. I have listened to many neighbors and constituents and overwhelmingly this proposal is not popular and is not wanted.

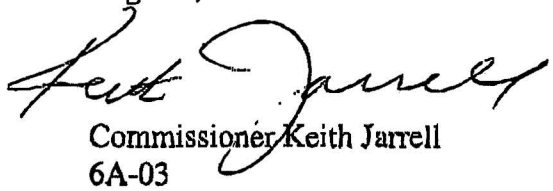
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I sincerely hope that you will deny BP Amoco their request for permission to increase the size of this facility. Please serve us all well and deny them further expansion of this already grossly neglected site.

H Street NE was once a terrific place to shop and to live, and we are in hopes that is will once again be a place to further enjoy our community. Clearly, if H Street North East is to once again be a thriving shopping, entertainment area of our city, this proposal should not be allowed. It clearly brings an unsightly introduction to the 3rd and H Street NE location and will dampen the overall possibilities of our revitalization prospects.
In order to have this revitalization, we must set high standards and strict guidelines for renewal. This station, this company and their proposal do not from our experience show potential of supporting this plan or being a fair participant in our community.

Regards,



Commissioner Keith Jarrell
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