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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St., NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Members of the Board:

I write in opposition to BZA Application 16648 (BP Amoco) to construct a multi-bay gas station and convenience store on the corner of 3rd and H Sts., NE. This project, through its many iterations, still does not conform to the urban standard of H St. I still have serious concerns regarding lighting, signage, and the "look" of the revised proposal. It still strikes me as a suburban gas station planted in the middle of an urban community. I am also concerned that the project will establish a pattern for other projects along H St., which are incompatible with the corridors urban character.

Many of these issues were brought to the attention of the applicant and to my knowledge they still have not been addressed. I know many in the community were willing to work with BP's development team to come up with a design that was more suitable for the neighborhood and to date I have not heard of any such meeting. I am further disturbed that the city will be missing an extraordinary opportunity to develop this site for a gateway project that will spur development along the corridor. I believe the Office of Planning shares this view which is reflected in a statement of non-support filed with this body.

In closing, I urge the Board to reject BP's request and adhere to the wishes of the community.

Sincerely,

Sharon Ambrose
Councilmember Ward 6

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