H STREET MERCHANTS & PREFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION

16648

June 18, 2001

Sheila Cross-Reid, Chair
District of Columbia
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW, Room 210
Washington, DC 20002

RE: Case No. 16648

Dear Ms. Cross-Reid:

The H Street Merchants and Professional Association, Inc. has been in existence for many years and has been diligent in its efforts to further the development of the H Street commercial corridor and its surrounding near Northeast community. Additionally, HSMPA has implemented ongoing revitalization activities along the corridor, which have boosted security, cleanliness, facade improvements, building partnerships and continued business education for the merchants. We are working together with many DC Government agencies and attempting to encourage growth and commercial development along the corridor

On Thursday November 20, 2000, HSMPA was presented with the immediate plans of BP Amoco, located at Third & H Streets NE, by their representative. After the presentation was an open discussion. Many recommendations came forward in regards to how the Merchants would like to see that site developed.

On Tuesday, June 5, 2001, after careful consideration, HSMPA voted to oppose the expansion of BP Amoco and it's current design. We understand that as a matter of right, another gas station can be built on the present site. We believe that the site should be designed in conjunction with the overall present character of H Street and it's potential improvements. We also approved the concept of an Overlay with a flavor that would encourage development. We believe that buildings built along the corridor should be in conjunction with or improve upon the present character of the existing buildings along the corridor.

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Therefore, we encourage you to consider our position, while we continue building community support and awareness in revitalization efforts along the H Street Corridor.

Sincerely,

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President, HSMPA