To Whom It May Concern:

We the residents, neighbors and owners of property on Square 776, which is bordered by the 300 block of H St., 800 block of 3rd St., 300 block of I St., and the 800 block of 4th St., N.E., Washington D.C., collectively voice our extreme concern and opposition to the proposed massive expansion of the BP/Amoco Gas Station, Car Wash and large Mini Mart in our residential square.

It is our understanding, that after acquiring almost three forth of the burn out and abandon property on the square, BP/Amoco Corporation is planning to close the main alleyway which leads from H St. N.E. to I St. N.E. This happens to be one of the largest main alleyways in this section of northeast Washington.

This is a particular concern to residents and property owners, since this alleyway is the major access for D.C. Fire Emergency Vehicles, DPW Trash Trucks, and Police Emergency Vehicles to the rear of our property on the square. At the beginning of the year, there was a major 2-alarm fire on the corner of 4th and H Street N.E., which threaten the homes on the 4th street side of the square. It took almost one half of the day to abate that fire while residents were threaten with home evacuation. If it were not for the large alleyway access to the rear of the property, the fire trucks would have had a difficult time putting out the fire and saving the homes on 4th Street.

We do not want this main alleyway closed or reconfigured. We do not want this large expansion of the BP/Amoco Gas Station, Car Wash and large mini mart invading over three fourths of our square.

This expansion would severely limit access to the rear of our homes and parking area. It will disturb the quality of life while releasing much more gas fumes in our immediate environment, (always with the threat of a possible explosion). The increase traffic from tanker trucks, cars and buses at very early hours in the morning will definitely increase the noise level. The increase in outside traffic to the gas station, mini mart and car wash will affect the entry and exit from our homes. The increase in panhandling, drug activity and serious crime at this poorly supervised cite will affect our safety. The gas station's evasive bright lighting will affect our sleep. The gas station expansion would further lower our property value. The Location is the gateway to H Street future development grandeur. (an expanded gas station, car wash and large mini mart is certainly out of Place)

BP/Amoco claims it has been on the square since 1960. It is our opinion that they have not been good neighbors. The Gas station and other property has been poorly managed and maintained. BP/Amoco has been unresponsive to neighbors' complaints about illegal activity at the gas station for years. There also have been complaints about securing the abandon property and keeping the alley clean. All of our concerns have been ignored. They do not have a good track record on Square 776.

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When we visited the locations of several BP/Amoco gas stations within a three-mile radius from the 3rd and H Street location we found some interesting observations.

- Most are on one corner of the block (of the square)
- Most occupy less footage space than their current 3rd and H street location (not including the propose expansion site)
- Most other locations appear to do more business than the current 3rd and H Street location while utilizing less space.
- Most appear to be manage better than the 3rd and H Street location but still leave a lot to be desired (very little car repair is going on, mostly gas, cigarette and sodas; Panhandling, drug dealing and other crimes are still a problem.)
- Most locations did not require the closing of an existing alleyway, restricting access to the rear of residential property for emergency vehicles and residents.
- Most do not have a Car wash attached
- Most do not have an expanded Mini mart attached
- Most are not located directly across form a school, Children's Museum or recreation facility.

We respectfully request your help in the prohibition of the proposed predatory expansion by BP/Amoco Corporation's Gas Station, Car Wash and Large Mini mart on 776 residential square. We did not ask for this nor were the residents ever consulted about the project. For years the residents had to tolerate the deplorable condition of the current property that is poorly managed and unsecured. We do not want an even larger problem to deal with.

Do not allow BP/Amoco to close the main alleyway running from H Street to I Street N.E.

We strongly suggest that you help facilitate BP/Amoco's clean up, remodeling and securing of the existing property along the 300 Block of and H St. N.E.

Please contact the undersign regarding any review of BP/Amoco's application to close the existing alleyway from H St to I St or to review any other proposed development on Square 776. We, as district voters and taxpayers would like to have the opportunity to voice our concerns, opposition or support of any pending projects.

The favor of a written reply to this letter will be appreciated.

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