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Chairperson Shelia Cross Reid
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth St. NW
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Re: BZA Application No. 16648

Dear Ms. Reid:

Over the last few months BP Amoco has held a number of meetings with the public to discuss the proposed gas station in the 300 block of H Street. This new block long facility will include a mini-mart and a car wash as well as an expanded gas station.

The citizens in my Single Member District 6A03 which includes the South side of H Street have voiced concerns and opposition to this proposed expansion and closing of the alley in the 300 block of H Street. The neighbors have been concerned for many of the 37 years that Amoco has operated on this corner that the current gas station has contributed to the bad reputation of this corner. In the opinion of people from both the North and South sides of H Street this has been due to the poor operation of the station. Citizen's recognize that BP Amoco is not the same as the old Amoco, but worry that the representatives have not given sufficient assurances that the new management will be better than the old.

1. Citizens who live in the same square as the Amoco station resist the closing and reconfiguration of the alley because they believe it will diminish emergency access to the read of their residences and will influence access to trash collection.

2. Amoco has said that they want to be good neighbors and have called for suggestion as to what they might do for the neighborhood. I have written them with suggestion, but they have failed to respond directly to such suggestions.

3. The station appears to cater to transistent traffic rather than neighborhood traffic. Therefore, it is important that we have a traffic assessment of the potential increased traffic that the station would attract.

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H Street is at long last beginning to become revitalized. Neighbors have long believed that this property should be a gateway cornerstone to the western beginning of the H Street corridor. This facility will significantly detract from that plan and also significantly reduce the value of residential property values in this area of the city.

BP Amoco said that they contacted the residents in the immediate square, but at public meetings there was strong vocal opposition from these residents on the North side of H Street.

I am opposed to this development.

Sincerely

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Commissioner 6A03