Re. BZA Case # 16648

April 10, 2000

The Honorable Sharon Ambrose
Council of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 710
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Councilwoman Ambrose:

I live at 728 3rd Street, NE within "eyeshot" of the existing Amoco station at 3rd and H Sts, NE. I am writing due to my concern that Amoco has plans to significantly expand the station. I do not believe this expansion is in the best interest of the neighborhood or the city. For many years, the Amoco has been a blight on the neighborhood due to illegal activity and undesirable loitering. It is not a neighborhood friendly business and I do not patronize it due to the volatility at the station and lack of management control. I think that an expansion would be detrimental and I am afraid the new station will be managed as poorly and create further problems for our already troubled neighborhood.

I believe there are many other businesses that could locate in that block and have a positive effect on the neighborhood. I understand that the H Street Development Corp. had plans for a gateway project for that site. It seems the neighborhood has really been let down now that this project has been replaced by an enlargement of the Amoco, a business which has not proven itself to care at all about what goes on at the property or in the neighborhood.

I would appreciate anything you could do to stop this project from going forward. As a "Near Northeast" resident for 12 years, I do not expect perfection in our neighborhood and I am well aware of the systemic and social problems that exist. I do not, however, believe the Amoco project sends our neighborhood in the direction that the city council and the Mayor have proposed for the entire city. The expansion of the Amoco is a step in the wrong direction and I hope you are able to help us.

Sincerely,

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cc. BZA - December 2, 2000