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Chairperson Sheila Cross Reid
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW
Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 16648
Hearing Date: December 19th, 2000

Simply, if a picture is worth a thousand words the one attached will serve our community thoroughly. For several months now, many of us have attended numerous meetings and presentations with BP Amoco executives, discussing the proposed expansion of their existing 3rd and H Streets, NE location.

History teaches us that their intent is not neighborly, but in search of profitability. For 30 years they've been a neighbor to the community. If one could consider them a neighbor! They allowed their property to run down, remain dirty, unsightly, and to often harbor vagrancy. Most of the people that live in close proximately to this gas station don't even purchase gas there. Mainly, when something has been allowed to deteriorate so badly, no one could expect to receive any kind of decent service there.

The fact is, they have cared nothing about there surroundings for 30 years now, so why would we expect them to all of a sudden care enough to want our acceptance? Their record speaks volumes of their true intent.

We've offered many suggestions, none of which were accepted with open arms. The community made it very clear to them more than 3 months ago that we did not like the size, the need to cut the curb, or the lay out or the structure itself. The fact that they would have to remove a bus stop, or their approach to this whole matter. They've never attempted to partner with the community. Instead, there plans were drawn up by someone who's mind set is more of the Route 1 Alexandria type of facility. Little or no conception has been given to the fact that the station would be in the middle of a classically detailed century old community. Not on a lay of land adjacent to a pre-fabricated showing center.

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I am in hopes that you will deny BP Amoco any further construction or re-construction of this location, until which time they make necessary modifications to their site plan. Their proposal needs desperately to be brought into scale of what the community needs and wants. Not become a Mecca that draws customers from all over the area. We have enough traffic on H Street NE, as it stands now it is an eye sore that serves the District poorly as an example of our community. For more than 30 years it has been over looked and under developed.

Giving BP Amoco approval on their proposal application no. 16648, would turn back the clock on the communities efforts to improve our surroundings. It would short cut the plan that the community has began to put into place.

I hope you will listen to the citizens of our community who have voiced their opinions in a resounding way. This proposal does not reflect the needs and wishes of the community!

Regards,

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Commissioner - Elect
Advisory Neighbor Commission
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