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In The Matter of: **Application 16648 Variance and Special Exception**
BP-Amoco Redevelopment of 300-332 H Street

Letter of Opposition

Dear Ms. Kress,

This is in response to the request of the Amoco Corporation to expand the existing 6 lane gas station at 3rd and H Streets, N.E. to a larger facility that abuts residential communities. The Linden Neighborhood Association, representing over 200 residents and businesses along the H Street corridor, strongly oppose this request and any applications pertaining to it, and urge you to consider the following factors to deny the request. On behalf of the residents of the 600-700 blocks of 12th and 13th Streets and 1200 blocks of G and Linden Place, N.E. we join Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A, the H Street Merchants Association and other community organizations in opposing the application 16648 of Steuart Investment Company for a Special Exception and Variance.

Massive expansion of this commercial entity will cause an influx of traffic to this small community that is ill equipped to handle the increase, and will lead to degenerating property values. A multi-purpose gas station is less attractive to potential homebuyers, renters and new businesses, thus slowing the boom of real estate sales enjoyed by and invested in by the community this past year.

We are extremely concerned about the environmental impacts that could deleteriously affect native species of plants and wildlife indigenous to the geographic land base. Specifically, habitat displacement of fauna and flora, oil runoff resulting in non-point source pollution entering the water table and potentially contaminating the supply of drinking water. Increased emissions of carbon monoxide and natural gas fumes into the air - a volatile and dangerous mixture which contributes to the depletion of the ozone layer and endangers human health, are just a few of the problems that would be facing All if an expansion of the existing gas facility occurs. These are issues that simply cannot be ignored.

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The impacts to economic and human vitality of the community would be devastating. It is our intention to preserve the residential heterogeneity of the area. If Amoco Corporation is allowed to expand its current facility into a seven bay gas station that wraps from 3rd Street onto H Street without the ability to accommodate, more than twice the amount of vehicles it currently accommodates the resulting noise, transient traffic, and possible loitering and littering will greatly reduce the ***Quality of Life*** we now enjoy.

The proposed facility is too large and does not fit the scope and scale of the current zoning and community development. The proposed car wash presents problems of noise and does not adequately buffer the community. All information requested on soil samples, fiberglass containers and the results of projects in other cities have not been received by this or any other organization. We oppose the closing of the alleys, curb cuts and rerouting of traffic thru the alleys and onto 3rd and 4th Streets as well as the impact to traffic on H Street from deliveries of gas.

There are no mitigating tools powerful enough to reverse the slow and steady decimation of our community if this project goes forward. The H Street corridor is being developed into an economic oasis designed to serve the needs of residents and business along H Street. It is the desire of the Association to preserve and maintain the culture and quaintness of the community that we call home. Our intent is to attract businesses that are supportive of community development while realizing strong economic returns on their investment.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions or comments, please call at 202.546.6723. You may e-mail us at linexchang@aol.com. We look forward to your reply.

Yours in community service,

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