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Chairman Robert Sockwell
Board of Zoning Appeals
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Director
Office of Planning
801 North Capitol Street
Washington, DC 20002

RE: Application 16648.

Dear Chairman Sockwell and the Director:

I write in sharp opposition to the application of BP/Amoco for special permits for their development proposed in the 300 block of H Street, NE.

Like many in the neighborhood, I would be more pleased with a facility at that location which better announces Capitol Hill. Nevertheless, since BP/Amoco is the current resident of the block, I understand that it is entitled to continue to operate there.

I oppose BP/Amoco's proposal because its architecture is grossly inconsistent with the Capitol Hill and H Street neighborhood. It has a very "suburban" look. I believe this is because of the large size and because the building style is inconsistent with our neighborhood. I also believe that the astonishingly large size of the proposed facility would be extremely harmful to the neighborhood and the street. It is inconsistent with the type of business now on H Street and is inconsistent with my view (and the view of most others, I believe) of the sort of development that is desirable for H Street. I therefore oppose the project because of its large size and suburban-style building.

The facility proposed by BP must be changed to be more consistent with H Street's architecture. I would strongly urge that BP utilize the existing facades on the block as the facade of its food store. I would also ask that the food store building be moved to the front of the property with the pumps behind it. I would ask that the size of the project be scaled down dramatically. These steps would ensure that BP would exist consistent with the architecture of the neighborhood.

Very truly yours,

Shannon M. Salb

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