3258 O Street, SE
Washington, DC 20020
September 9, 2001

Ms. Jerrily R. Kress
Director
Board of Zoning
441 Fourth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Kress: RE: Application $16753

I oppose the construction of a monopole in the rear of the Penn-Branch Shopping Center. The proposed site of the monopole is very close to the backyards of residential homes.

I am a long time resident of 25 years in this community and live within 200 feet of the proposed monopole site. My home is my greatest asset and I enjoy living in a stable, scenic, beautiful community and the monopole would not blend in at all. It would destroy the scenic view I now enjoy and would be unsightly visible year round. I do not wish to look at the monopole on a daily basis as I look out my window or sit on my porch. Also, I believe such a huge structure would decrease the value of my property.

I am afraid of the health risks involved from the emission of electromagnetic radiation from the monopole which will be in operation 24 hours, 365 days a year. I think about how I was led to believe for many years about the unproven health risks involved with tobacco use and exposure to asbestos. We all know the harmful effects connected with these two areas.

Because of water and soil erosion problems in this area, I do not believe that the soil would tolerate such a big structure. Most of the homes in this area are built over underground streams and I can't imagine how devastating it would be and the destruction it would cause if the monopole would fall.

Request the Board of Zoning disapprove Application #16753 to construct a monopole in the rear of the Penn-Branch Shopping Center.

Sincerely,

Edward M. Robinson

cc Mayor Williams
All City Councilmembers

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Exhibit No. 106

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