3224 O Street, SE
Washington, DC 20020
September 10, 2001

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

RE: Application 16753

Dear Ms. Kress:

I am writing to vehemently express my opposition to the construction of a monopole in the rear of the Penn-Branch Shopping Center, which will abut the backyards of residential homes.

I have lived in this community since 1988 and my house is within 200 feet from the proposed monopole site. I moved here from the River Terrace, NE area where health problems ran rampant, such as asthma, bronchitis, allergies, learning & memory problems, etc. The community believed that radiation & pollutants from the PEPCO plant located in that area, contributed to the majority of these health problems. I would not like to feel that my moving was in vain.

I do not wish to live in fear of unproven health risks associated with the emission of electromagnetic radiation from the monopole, nor subject my family to such fears. Also, I'm concerned about the water and soil erosion problems we have in this area and I don't believe the soil can withstand a structure of this size. The DC Government recently expended over four (4) million dollars to construct O Street Wall, located within 200 feet of the proposed monopole site, to reduce the erosion and to rescue the community from potential gas line explosions and from homes being destroyed from soil erosion.

This community is well keptand beautiful. I feel that the towering monopole would detract from that beauty, the scenic view, and decrease the desirability to own property or live near such a monstrosity. My home is my greatest asset and I do want to continue the peace and contentment my family and I now enjoy.

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

Sincerely,

Thelma Cohen

Mrs. Thelma Cohen

cc Mayor Williams
All DC City Councilmembers

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Exhibit No. 107

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