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Subject: Opposition to BZA Case #16753: Application of Penn Branch LLC and SBA Inc.,
To Install a Monopole Cell Tower in the rear of the Penn Branch Shopping Center

Dear Sirs/Madams:

I am a forty year resident of the Penn Branch community and have reviewed and analyzed the above noted application. Upon visiting the location using the maps the applicant included in his package, and being a Real Estate Broker for Residential and commercial properties I unequivocally opposed the construction of the monopole due to it's extreme close proximity to residential properties. In addition, the landscape view currently enjoyed by our residents would be immediately obstructed and demean the original design of this community. That design was predicated on one being able to see the capital and the monument without any obstruction.

This cell tower would obstruct the landscape view while depreciating the value of homes in the 3200 block of O Street and the 3300 Block of Carpenter in the short term and this depreciation would not stop there. It would continue to cascade throughout the entire community in the long term (3 year period). In addition, this structure would impact the now tight and almost none existent parking at the shopping center facility. A facility that the Penn Branch community is now to access locally DC Government services. This structure with the enclosed required gate would take minimally 30 parking spaces from the citizens who are expected to use the newly planned government services (DPW, DMV, East ROC –Police sub-station) center.

I also have inquired with the carriers that the applicants stated would be on the pole, specifically ATT and find that they are not going to be on this pole. This is significant because an informal polling of this community finds that the residents impacted use ATT as their wireless carrier. It is clear the purpose of this pole is to serve the commuters who transverse through this community from the neighboring jurisdiction of Prince Georges County. Our community should not be used to support the needs of our out of state neighbors. Residents living in this community would not be using a cell phone to communicate with from their homes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bert Hall Sr.

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