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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application for Special Exception by SBA, Inc., BZA Case # 16753

Dear Ms. Reid:

I am writing to express my **opposition** to the application of SBA, Inc. to construct an approximately 150-foot antenna on the Penn Branch Shopping Center property (the "Shopping Center").

I oppose the application because I do not believe that the antenna should be constructed so close to the homes on O Street. Not only will the homes lose market value if the antenna is constructed, but we do not know what harm the antenna will do to the health of those residents. Right now the information available on antennas strongly suggests that there are ill health effects that result from the radio frequency radiation that is emitted from antennas of this type.

I stand with my neighbors on O Street to strongly oppose the application and I believe that the majority of my neighbors in ANC 7B feel the same. I understand that initially my ANC Commissioners voted to oppose the application but then due to the influence of some lobbying by SBA, Inc., some of the ANC Commissioners changed their minds and voted to support the application at another meeting. This is unfortunate because in my view, their decision to support the application is not consistent with the views of the overwhelming majority of the residents of ANC 7B. My views are based upon my speaking with my neighbors and my review of the BZA case file on August 27th in which every single letter from neighborhood residents was in opposition to the application. There were only a hand full of letters in support and all of these letters were collected by a public relations firm hired by SBA, Inc. and the letters were from businesses and organizations that do not reside in the neighborhood.

Please do not grant the application for a special exception by SBA, Inc. There are much better sites in Ward 7 to construct a 150 foot antenna then in a Shopping Center that backs up to people's homes and where the antenna will have a negative effect on the surrounding community. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

J S McKenzie

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