October 12, 2001

Sheila Cross Reid
Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

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

Dear Chairperson Reid:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the application of SBA, Inc. to construct a monopole in the Penn Branch Shopping Center ("the Center"). My primary concern pertains to the health hazards that such a structure may pose to nearby residents, particularly those on O Street. Some information on radio frequency radiation indicates that it may be hazardous. To place a monopole in such close proximity to residents when there appear to be more appropriate sites in Ward 7 is, thus, unconscionable.

I am also concerned about the impact that a 150-foot antenna would have on the property values of the surrounding neighborhoods. What the Center and other commercial strip malls along Pennsylvania Avenue, SE needs are viable, well maintained businesses that will serve the community well and enhance, not detract from, property values.

Thank you for your consideration herein.

Very truly yours,

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c.c.: Councilmember Kevin Chavous

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