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Ms. Shelia Cross Reid
Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

RE: BZA Case No. 16753. Proposed Construction of a Monopole at Penn-Branch Shopping Center

Dear Ms. Reid:

The Metropolitan Police Department, Sixth District Citizens Advisory Council at its regular meeting on October 8, 2001, voted unanimously to vehemently oppose the construction of a 130 foot monopole (cell tower) in the rear of Penn-Branch Shopping Center. This monopole will abut residential homes (200 ft. & less) located in the 3200 block of O Street, SE.

The Sixth District Citizens Advisory Council support the Penn-Branch Civic Association's opposition to the construction of this monopole. We call these points to your attention:

- The construction of the monopole does not aesthetically blend in with this scenic neighborhood of single-family homes, with residents enjoying a panoramic view of the city.
- The monopole with its height, size, proposed location and industrial appearance, would have a negative impact on the character, and quality of life in this stable and well-maintained neighborhood.
- The fearful concerns of citizens with regard to the health risks associated with the emission of electromagnetic radiation from the monopole. Studies to date have been inconclusive with regard to the cumulative effects of radiation emitted on a short & long-term basis.
- The monopole would adversely affect the property values of the homes in the area, decreasing the desirability to own property or live near such a massive structure.

BZA
Case No. 16753
Exhibit No. 142

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
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Chairperson

To preserve and to protect the aesthetics, character, and quality of life in this well-established neighborhood, request Board of Zoning Adjustment to disapprove the Application of Penn-Branch LLC & SBA Properties to construct a monopole in the rear of Penn-Branch Shopping Center.

Sincerely,

Linda Jo Smith

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Chairperson
6D Citizens Advisory Council (Ward 7)

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