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BOARD OF ZONING
One Judiciary Square
441 4th Street, NW, 10th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20001

Ref. Case: 16753

Dear Board of Zoning:

This letter is to inform you of our opposition to the installation of a cell tower in the rear of the Penn Branch Shopping Center, located at Pennsylvania and Branch Avenues, SE, Washington, D.C.

We are aware of the many changes in technology and we believe in progress. We do not oppose the cell tower. **We oppose where the tower is to be installed** for several reasons: 1) it will be in the mist of a residential area; 2) it will be in a neighborhood composed of many senior citizens; 3) it may cause health risks to the community and especially to the senior citizens; 4) it will reduce the value of property in the area; and 5) there are more reasonable places to place it, i.e., in a park or wooded area away from residential houses.

We hope that you will protect the interest of and the citizens of the District of Columbia by not agreeing to the issuance of a special exception permit for a cell tower in the rear of the Penn Branch Shopping Center. There are other solutions and we suggest that the time be taken to explore all possibilities. Also, please note that the shopping center has already been made into a mini-public service area which has it pros and cons.

Sincerely,

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