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Board of Zoning and Adjustment (BZA)
Case No: 16753
Cell Tower Penn Branch Center
441 4th Street, NW Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the construction of a Cell Tower in the Penn Branch Shopping Center. I am concerned about the risk of health problems this tower could present to residents. Not enough research has been done to prove that these cell towers do not pose health and environmental risks.

Such a tall tower will also deface our community. It would seem more prudent to place such a monstrosity in a strictly commercial area. The Penn Branch Shopping Center is in very close proximity to residential property. My husband and I are concerned that our property value will decrease with the construction of this cell tower.

I have followed the Cell tower fiasco in the Tenley Town/American University community. The residents were not given all the details about the construction. The Company was not forthright with information on the actual height of the Cell Tower. The community banded together and the construction was halted.

I hope that our community was not selected because of its racial composition, African American. We don't want this tower in our community either.

I hope that my concern will be heard and that this proposal will be bought to a halt.

Sincerely
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CC: Mayor Anthony Williams
Councilman Kevin Chavis

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