Chairperson Sheila Cross Reid
Office of the Board of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW (Suite #2105)
Washington, DC 20020

Re: Application for Special
Exception by SBA
Penn-Branch Shopping Center
BZA Case No.16753

Dear Chairperson Reid:

I am writing to protest the application made for a special exception to permit a cellular tower to be constructed at the Penn-Branch Shopping Center. This tower will be in the backyard of our neighbors. I live in the 3000 block of "O" Street and know this tower will devalue our property and the appearance of our community. It would be unsightly and grotesque. We, in this community, are also concerned about health hazards as a result of the EM radiation being transmitted into our homes.

This is mainly a community of senior citizens. Many persons cannot afford to move or care to move. We live on our limited and reduced pensions that we acquired by working most of our lives. This is the community that we can afford and do not desire to leave. We have reared our families here and so are very attached. Why should we be taken advantage of at a very vulnerable time in our lives? Is it that greedy, non-sensitive people want more money? This is a nice and pleasant community. So please help us keep it that way.

Why not try other options for this displeasing tower? Put it in a nonresidential area. I believe that it should not be any place in densely populated areas such as our children's schools, hospitals or any other areas of high people concentration. Please be aware that we have more than our share of towers already in our community. Please help us preserve our community for us today and our children's tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Annette M. Lewis

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