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Washington, DC 20020

August 29, 2001

Ms.Jerrily Kress, Director
DC Board of Zoning
One Judiciary Square
441 Fourth Street, NW Room 201
Washington, DC 20001
Reference Case # 16753

Dear Ms. Kress:

I am opposed to the construction of a cell tower at the rear of the Penn Branch Shopping Center.Iam requesting that the zoning board deny the SBA request.

The subject area is predominantly residential and it would be grossly unfair if we are forced into an unacceptable situation such as this. If SBA Properties needs to build a cell-tower they should be forced to find a location in an other than residential area where innocent families and children would not constantly be faced with threats to their health and well being through exposure to potential radiation risks. Our exposure would be increased by the already existing cell tower in the neighboring community at 4714 Marlboro Pike.

In addition to the above stated objections,I am concerned that the construction of such a huge monstrosity will definitely have an adverse effect on our property values, as well as on the overall current scenic view in our neighborhood,and it is a fact that potential buyers will shy away from perceived health risks.

There is a better way and a better location for their monopole. They will find it if they have to.

I have attended several meetings throughout our area and the response to their proposal is consistent. We do not want a monopole in our neighborhood. The price is too high and we should not be asked to pay it.

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carrie E. James

CC:

Mayor Anthony Williams
City Council Chair Linda Cropp
All City Council Members

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