Ms. Shelia Reid, Chairperson
Office of the Board of Zoning
District of Columbia Board of Zoning
441 4th Street NW (Suite 210 S)
Washington, DC 20020

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

August 29, 2001

Dear Ms. Reid:

This letter is to serve as a citizen's opposition to any land use decision that allows a cellular tower in the Penn Branch Community.

Please find below, the various concerns of the citizens:

- First, the visual impact, the proposed pale will be domineering in height, specifically out of scale with the surrounding homes, trees and existing street poles.
- Second, the erection of the cellular tower will have an adverse impact on land property values in the Penn Branch area. There is no other structure in the neighborhood which would match the tower's height and appearance.
- Third, the quality of life. The cellular tower will detract from the neighborhood landscape and esthetic appearance.
- Fourth, the environmental impact. The telephone signal from the cellular tower will affect the citizens and animals that live in the neighborhood.
- Fifth, known and unknown health concerns will directly impact the Penn Branch community. Several studies have been done which suggest the signals from cellular towers can affect the health of the persons whom live near the towers.

Therefore, based on the above stated impacts on the community and environment, I am requesting your opposition to the application for any additional cellular tower or antennas in the District and specifically the Penn Branch community.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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