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Greetings, Ms. Reid

My husband, Ulysses A. Ricks and I, Gloria T. Ricks, have been residents of this Penn-Branch area for thirty seven years. We have seen this locale grow into an even better neighborhood than it was in 1964. Years ago, we were not welcome to even drive above Pennsylvania Avenue into this area. Now, the homeowners have, through personal pride, made this a more beautiful and tranquil place to live — and, moreover, to retire.

I have, in the earlier years here, worked very hard in the civic area to maintain and establish pleasing and comfortable living conditions. I am satisfied and pleased with the accomplishments, in general, both past and present made by the members in this community.

Please, do not destroy our simple

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and comfortable way of living by allowing anyone at anytime to establish homes and projects that would undermine our neighborhood. I have seen and participated in moves to halt many proposed creations for this neighborhood that we felt would not and should not be considered for us. We consider the all important health issues, learning and memory issues, everyday problems and trauma of the mind.

With Cable, Comsat and Satellite innovations, we have all of the "air and land," our people and residents' problems we need and can handle. We just want to make what we have now even better. On the entertainment side, the foregoing is often interrupted because we have first one and then another problem thrust upon us. A tower in our neighborhood would interfere with my own satellite structure, devastating to everyone's health and surely, would be a monstrosity to the eye.

Please, oppose the construction of the proposed tower. We, mercifully, need your support.

Mrs. Gloria J. Ricks

cc: Mayor Williams - Mrs. Linda Cropp - Mr. Kevin Chavous - Mr. Phil Mendelson - Mr. David Catania - Mr. Harold Brazil

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