27th August 2001
Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, Chairperson
Office of The Board of Zoning
One Judiciary Square
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20020

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

Dear Chairman Reid::

As a resident of the Dupont Civic Association, I feel it is my duty to inform you of my objection to the planned installation of a commercial antenna tower on the rear parking lot of the Penn branch Shopping center. Such a tower becomes a for profit real estate, structure, to be lease to customers wanting to host electromagnetic radiation devices of various types. We see it as a duty to prevent such an infringement upon the peace and tranquility of our neighborhood and community.

Our objection is based upon several factors that we feel you should be aware. First, there's the question of *aesthetics*, in our community we have much regard for the beauty of our surroundings. We see nothing about the awesome appearance of a tower that will contribute to this objective.

The perceived effects of *Electromagnetic Radiation* would be another unwanted component of radiation that would add to an already multi-faceted bundle of environmental health pollution factors that already exist in our community. Enough is enough! *RF Interference* with our existing radio, TV and telephone reception are other factors that we wish not to have to contend with. Just recently while involve in an important long distance telephone conversation a high intensity two way cell phone came in on my line and totally block out and caused discontinuance of our conversation.

In consideration of the aforementioned concerns, it's only logical that there is a severe potential of *property devaluation*. Such a structure would tend diminish somewhat the value of our existing neighborhood real estate.

The anticipated *Health Hazard* from EMR (Electromagnetic Radiation) is a disturbing thought. There have been numerous reports and a general belief that electromagnetic radiation is a major environmental health problem. Too much EMR already exist in our community and we refuse to accept any addition.

Very Truly

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