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August 29, 2001

Ms. Shelia Cross Reid, Chairperson
Office Of The Board Of Zoning
District Of Columbia Board Of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW (Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 2001

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

Dear Ms. Reid:

I am opposed to a proposed cellular tower in the rear of the Penn Branch Shopping Center. The tower would be obtrusive and aesthetically unpleasing in an already crammed parking facility.

There has also been no thorough research done by the local or federal government on potential health risks posed by radiation emitted from such a facility(weakened immune system; tumors; neurological disorders; learning and memory problems; sleep disturbances; headaches; and skin rashes.

Thirdly, tower and base stations sites in residential zones and near schools, etc, generally decrease the desirability to own property or live near these installations.

Please **oppose** the construction of this tower. We, the residents of ANC7B/SMD 7B07, need your support. Since the congress passed the Telecommunications Act of 1996 our city has seen a proliferation of cell towers and antennas.

Thank you very much for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours.

Martha L Faltz

Copy: Mayor Anthony Williams
Chairperson Linda Cropp
Councilmember Chavous
Councilmember Cantania
Councilmember Brazil
Councilmember Swartz
Councilmember Mendelson

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