1737 Highwood Place, SE
Washington, DC 20020
August 18, 2001

Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, Chairperson
Office of the Board of Zoning
District of Columbia Board of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW, Ste. 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

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 displeasing in an already crammed parking facility. We are asking that you please consider the affect of this tower on our community. It is huge and would destroy our cityscape and the value of our homes. We have worked very hard to keep our community a most inviting place to live. It is indeed a most beautiful place to live and we are very unique in that we know our neighbors and look out for each other. We are not one of those quiet communities where you find someone dead in their homes after several days. We keep check on each other. We work and play together. We also have a great reputation for our closeness and hard work. Because of our community spirit, our crime rate is very low.

Presently we enjoy great pride when people wander up here and find us so excited about this type of community in southeast. If this tower is allowed to be constructed I am afraid that this will be the downfall of our community. Long time citizens will perhaps resort to moving out of the community.

Please vote "NO" on this proposed tower. Keep our community one that we all can point to with pride. Thank you very much for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

E. Marilyn Stackhouse

cc: Mayor Anthony Williams
Chairwoman Linda Cropp
Councilmember Kevin Chavous
Councilmember Catania
Councilmember Harold Brazil
Councilmember Carol Schwartz

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