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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, Chairperson
Office of the Board of Zoning
District of Columbia Board of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW
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Re: Application for Special Exception by SBA
Penn Branch Shopping Center
BZA Case No.: 16753

Dear Ms. Reid,

This letter is written in objection to BZA Case No.: 16753. As a licensed Architect and resident of the Penn-Branch neighborhood, I submit to you that the proposed site of the construction of a 150-foot tower in the core of an R-1-B zone is adversely tarnishing and will aesthetically and economically affect our community. The site proposes to be built on one of the major axis's to the US Capitol, the US Supreme Court and other National landmarks, which is inconsistent with the plan of the Nation's Capitol and its existing laws. Moreover, to permit this tower's construction would open the floodgates against the L'Enfant Plan outlined for the District of Columbia.

I urge you to vote against SBA's application for the sake of the District and the Penn-Branch community.

Sincerely Yours,

Wilford S. Gourdine

cc: Mayor Anthony Williams
Council Member Kevin Chavous
NCPC

BZA
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Exhibit No. 86

Board of Zoning Adjustment
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EXHIBIT NO.86