6 September 2001

Sheila Cross Reid, Chairperson
Office of the Board of Zoning
441 Fourth Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application for Special Exemption
SBA/Penn Branch Shopping Center
BZA Case # 16753

Dear Ms. Reid:

This is to inform you that at its regular meeting on Tuesday 4 September 2001, the Far Northeast-Southeast Council, Inc. voted unanimously in support of the opposition to the construction of a cell tower at the Penn Branch Shopping Center, in the rear of the 3200 block of "O" Street, SE.

We stand firmly behind the stated position of the Dupont Park Civic Association and base this stance upon the following concerns:

1. Construction of a cell tower will impact negatively upon the environment of this residential neighborhood.

2. The presence of a cell tower will seriously decrease the physical appearance of the area.

3. The procedures (negotiation process) for this project excluded the citizens who will be directly affected by it from the process.

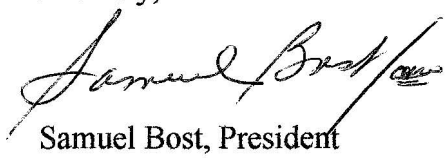
4. The fact that residents of the area are almost unanimous in the opposition (as evidenced by their signatures on petitions) indicates a serious breach both of interest in or concern for the posture of the surrounding community in relation to the construction of a cell tower in their neighborhood.

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Because of the environmental, physical and procedural issues we have here noted, The Far Northeast-Southeast Council, Inc., the umbrella group for Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANC's), Civic Associations, and other organized groups in Ward 7, hereby affirms its support of the position of the Dupont Park Civic Association in relation to construction of a cell tower on the premises of the Pen Branch Shopping Center.

Sincerely,



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