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Re: Application #17021

May 27, 2003

Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St NW, Suite 21-S
Washington DC 20001

This letter is to express my opposition to Application #17021 by the 7-11 Convenience Store request to increase its hours.

Residential houses are located on either side of the Grocery Store. When the 7-11 was established they agreed to limit their hours in order to get approval and maintain the residential character of the block. There are still residential houses next to the 7-11 and an increase in hours will be disruptive to those residences.

The establishment of non-residential uses in and around the neighborhood has increasingly disrupted the Foggy Bottom community. None of these non-residential properties have honored their promises to operate in a manner that would not be disruptive to nearby residences. For example

- The GWU Hospital regularly has deliveries prior to 7 am even though they agreed not to operate their loading dock prior to 7am.

- The River Inn on 25th regularly has tour buses go through the neighborhood even through it is illegal for buses to go through those streets.

The added traffic and noise after 11 pm and before 7 am along the residential streets of 24 Street and New Hampshire Ave and on nearby I Street will mean that DC citizens who live on those streets will have their sleep regularly disturbed.

The Foggy Bottom residents do not need the expanded hours and there are other nearby facilities on commercial streets that can serve people who need to visit a convenience store between 11 pm and 7 am.

Sincerely

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