GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

April 28, 2005

Dorothy Y. Douglas
Chairperson
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7D
4614 Central Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20019

Re: BZA Application No. 17304 (4500 Benning Road, N.E.)
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Dear Chairperson Douglas:

The Office of Zoning received your letter (attached) addressed to Geoffrey H. Griffis, Chairperson of the Board of Zoning Adjustment (Board) on April 26, 2005, concerning the above-cited application. As you may be aware by now, the Board considered the Advisory Neighborhood Commission's (ANC) request for a postponement of the April 19, 2005, public hearing as a preliminary matter at the start of the hearing on said date. After a thorough discussion of the ANC's request, the Board determined that the Applicant met all of the technical requirements for filing the application, that the ANC was given ample notice of the hearing, and that the ANC would still have sufficient opportunity to participate in the hearing process.

The Board heard a portion of the application on April 19, 2005, but postponed the rest of the hearing to Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 1:00 PM. The Board requested that the ANC file a written report (pursuant to 11 DCMR § 3115.1) to the Board by May 17th, including the identification of a representative to discuss the ANC's position at the May continuation hearing. A written copy of the transcript of the Board's April 19th hearing should be available in the Office of Zoning for your review by May 4th. The order of presentation at the May 24th continuation hearing will be as follows:

- Office of Planning & Other Government Agencies
- Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7D
- Persons in Support
- Persons in Opposition
- Applicant's Rebuttal & Closing

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Please call Richard S. Nero, Jr., Chief, Support Services and Quality Control at (202) 727-6311, if you have any questions relevant to the foregoing.

SINCERELY,

JERRILY R. KRESS, FAIA
Director, Office of Zoning

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Attachment
cc: Honorable Councilmember Vincent C. Gray
Ward Seven

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7D

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April 21, 2005

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Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 – 4th Street, NW, Suite 220
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairman Griffis:

We are aware that you are in receipt of our formal request to BZA to postpone the April 19, 2005 hearing on the request by WMATA for an exception to the zoning regulations regarding excess traffic and some construction abnormalities on the proposed structure at 4500 Benning Road. For our records, we require some formal response as a normal business practice. To date we have received none from your office.

Our constituents are most concerned about this project. Given the ongoing pattern we have experienced where those of us who are most affected by this project have not been properly notified, we prefer to continue our practice of expecting formal business practices to be observed. We therefore anticipate receiving your response, including the findings of the Board and the reasons for their decision.

We look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Y. Douglas Chair

Dorothy Y. Douglas, Chair, ANC7D

cc: Councilmember Vincent Gray, Ward 7
Commissioners, ANC 7D