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Re: BZA Application #17304
Benning Road Metro Rail Site

Dear Board of Zoning Adjustment Members:

I am a resident and homeowner in Ward Seven. I am writing this brief letter in support of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency's proposed field unit that is to be built at the Benning Road Metro Site. As a life-long resident of the District of Columbia, I truly understand the difficulties that our youth face as they attempt to navigate the transition from adolescent to young adulthood. During this process, many of our youth find themselves involved in the Criminal Justice System on probation or parole, and being supervised by CSOSA.

I believe that our youth, and fallen neighbors should have the opportunity to receive probation or parole services in their own community, as it is being done in the other quadrants of the city. I live directly in the impacted area of the proposed CSOSA field office, and it is my belief that this federal building will spur economic growth to the East Capital/Benning Road Corridor by attracting retail businesses and restaurants; reduce crime and drug traffic in the immediate area of the building, and more importantly, afford our youth and other Ward Seven residents a fair opportunity to successfully complete their conditions of probation or parole within the community that they live in. Any negative affects that additional traffic in the area may present are more than offset by the many positive benefits that the CSOSA agency brings to our neighborhood.
Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
Constance Young
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