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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is being written to request that **application 17304 <u>not</u> be granted**. This is the application regarding the construction of an office building and parking lot proposed to house the D.C. Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA).

The neighborhood is residential with some stores on the main street (Benning Road). There are no office buildings in this area. Most of the people that live in this area that I have spoken with speak against this undertaking.

The D.C. Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency I believe is affiliated with the District of Columbia court system, which is located in the downtown area of Washington, D.C. So why can't the probation offices be located in the same area as the courts? Why can't it all be located together?

I believe the D.C. Court Service and Offender Supervision Agency's argument is that their clients have been complaining about having to go to the downtown area of the District of Columbia to see their probation officers, which interferes with their family and job time, causing an inconvenience to the clients.

Going downtown to see your probation officer is not inconvenient. Anytime one has to leave their home to run an errand or take care of business can be called inconvenience. The checking in with the D.C. Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) is an aspect of fulfilling their court requirement, not an inconvenience.

To the best of my knowledge CSOSA has offices located at 1230 Taylor St., 3850 S. Capitol Street, 800 N. Capitol Street, 25 K Street, Good Hope Road, New York Avenue and the downtown office. None of these offices are located in white neighborhoods. For numerous reasons establishments looked upon negatively by society are never placed in white neighborhoods in Washington, D.C. Why are there no CSOSA offices in white neighborhoods?

The approach to this endeavor needs to be rethought and revamped and kept downtown with the rest of the court system.

Sincerely,

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