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Dear Chairman Hill and Board Members,

My name is Catherine Horvath and I reside at 475 H Street NW DC. I am writing to urge the Board of Zoning Adjustment to deny the special exception relief sought by the District of Columbia Department of General Services for the proposed temporary relocation of the Central Cell Block to 501 New York Avenue, NW. The construction of the Central Cell Block, necessitating special exception relief, will detrimentally, adversely, and significantly impact the neighboring properties and beyond in direct violation of the Zoning Regulations and Maps. The addition of this facility and housed detainees to the neighborhood will lead to heightened traffic, noise, and security & safety concerns, including, but not limited to:

- Disruptions from the facility's 24/7 operations due to six police forces transporting detainees to the facility
- Noise pollution from potentially over eighty detainees and from increased activities from persons at the building.
- Increased traffic and reduced parking options from police, employees, vendors, etc., leading to congestion.
- Safety risks associated with the potential release of detainees into the community.

The proposed temporary relocation of the Central Cell Block to 501 New York Avenue, NW, will have a direct and significant, and severely adverse effect on current residents like myself. The Cell Block has the potential to greatly influence the recruiting of future residents, maintaining current businesses, recruiting new businesses, and community organizations nearby. This neighborhood has undergone transformation after decades of neglect, and now is a vibrant area with mixed-use residential developments. I am asking that this project NOT be allowed to undo that progress and that DGS be directed to find a more appropriate and less impactful location.

Thank you for your consideration.

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